



Public Safety Commission

Town of GREENFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

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MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

24 JUNE 2015

The Public Safety Committee met at the Greenfield Police Department meeting room at 5:00 PM.

Attending the meeting were Chairman Butch Hawkins, and Commissioners Gary Longley, Adam Provost, Skip White, and Frederick Clark

A quorum was present.

Also present: Deputy Chief Williams, Deputy Chief Jarvis, Danielle Marie

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Hawkins called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Proper notice had been posted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Longley moved to approve the meeting minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Provost. All in favor, the motion passed.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

None

OLD BUSINESS

SAFETY COMPLEX WORKING GROUP:

-No new news to report, but next meeting will likely occur in July.

NEW BUSINESS

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

None

POLICE PROMOTIONAL PROCESS: A total of 5 questions (to be determined by the Commission) will be distributed to each supervisor and will be answered according to each candidate in lieu of verbal interviews. A special meeting will take place on July 1st at 4:30pm at the Greenfield Police Department meeting room to determine the questions, which are scheduled to be completed and returned to the Commission by July 10th. Oral interviews for each candidate will occur either by July 17th or following the assessment center on August 4th and 5th.

EMS:

- EMS reported 284 responses; 84% were on scene in 10 minutes or less. Mutual Aid was needed 15 times. Other community ambulances were intercepted 30 times; 4 were for Greenfield Fire.

FIRE:

-Operating budget currently has 5.13% remaining, Vehicle maint & training are both nearly two times what was budgeted for. 7.93% remains in Overtime budget. New Recall procedures are proving very efficient for dispatchers and firefighters. Computers in the fire apparatus are being updated to provide CAD information to responding units per the FCFC's vote to go to IMC County wide. The fire department is working with the new IT department to try and consolidate all IT needs through one vendor. The goal is to replace air cards with hot spots, replace phones and iPads, and install new patient reporting software in an effort to see more capability at a lesser cost. The ambulance now has over \$57,000 in receivables.

Discussion: Concerns were raised regarding the amount of calls that are still not coming through due to issues with Verizon.

POLICE:

- Budget remains in good standing. Officer Logan has officially retired, but his position is still being funded. The downtown substation is nearly complete; all that remains is exterior lettering.

DISPATCH:

-The department is at emergency staffing levels and as a result no time off requests will be approved and notice will be given to all employees that they may be forced to work more than 4 hours and possibly for multiple days in a row. Railroad training is being scheduled for dispatchers which will incorporate school bus safety. All dispatchers are officially 911 compliant.

Discussion: Ms. Marie reported multiple attempts to contact Verizon regarding the phone line issue and stated she would continue to pursue its resolve.

OPEN FLOOR:

Citizen inquired about the progress of the new Sex Offender Ordinance. Chairman Hawkins reported that the city was waiting for a ruling on a similar submission from another town before making final changes to the first draft. He invited the citizen to inquire further at the next meeting as he planned to speak with the Mayor in the near future about the issue.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

Chairman Hawkins moved to adjourn the regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Provost. All in favor the motion passed. The meeting ended at 6:12 PM.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 29th at the Greenfield Police Department meeting room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Erin Nugent, Recording Clerk