



Public Safety Commission

Town of GREENFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

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MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

23 MARCH 2016

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

Attending the meeting were Commissioners Gary Longley, Adam Provost and Skip White

A quorum was present.

Also present: Chief Haigh, Chief Strahan, Danielle West

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Commissioner Longley expressed his sincere concern for Law Enforcement officials regarding the mortality rate of Officers and urged the Chief to remind his Officers not to be complacent, as it is deadly.

OLD BUSINESS

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

NEW BUSINESS

FIRE:

-Chief Strahan stated that the cost to repair all damages to the current station would cost between \$500,000 to \$1,000,000. The facility remains a major concern to the department going forward. The budget remains in stable condition, with 31% remaining for the Operating budget, 24% remaining for the Overtime budget, 36% remaining for the vehicle maintenance budget, and 37% remaining for the training budget. The ambulance will be replaced with a truck that is 5 years newer and will be paid for using funds from the ambulance's revenue account. Chief Strahan also mentioned that Greenfield had not yet signed the Statewide Mutual Aid agreement and urged the town to do so. He reported that he would be attending a meeting with the Mayor and MEMA representatives next week to discuss the issue.

POLICE:

-Chief Haigh reported that the budget would receive further cuts, which will likely put considerable strain on the department next year, and also raised a major concern with regard to the facility. The biggest expense item will be HVAC related. The entire building will cost near to \$100,000 to repair, with the locker room needing the most attention and coming in at roughly \$25,000. In addition, the renovations to the basement have uncovered the need for new stairs and a roof over the door. Mandatory training has been completed. McDowell completed the FTO program on April 1st.

EMS:

- EMS reported 225 responses; 93.33% were on scene in 10 minutes or less. Mutual Aid was needed 13 times and provided 6 times. Other community ambulances were intercepted 40 times; 6 were for Greenfield Fire. Ms. West announced that she has taken on the role of Acting Operations Manager for the Greenfield base. She also noted that they received 2 refurbished ambulances, 1 of which was a replacement while the other will be added to the fleet.

DISPATCH:

-Chief Haigh reported that the Overtime account will be expended by an additional 50% minimum due to short staffing. He believes that this account will stabilize once the two new hires have completed their training. In addition, the State 911 Grant should help to minimize overages as well. Mandatory training is nearly complete. Schedules have been re-arranged to help minimize the impact of vacation time on the department,

OPEN FLOOR:

-None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

-None

Commissioner Longley moved to adjourn the regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Provost. All in favor the motion passed. The meeting ended at 5:30 PM.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 27th at the Greenfield Police Department.

Respectfully Submitted,

Erin Nugent, Recording Clerk

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