

Village Board Public Safety Committee

MINUTES

~ Thursday, October 25, 2018 ~

CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Guzzo called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Gunter, Clerk Szymiski, Trustee Addington, Trustee Barker, Trustee Guzzo, Trustee Liddle, Village Manager May and Fire Chief Weiss

Also Present:

Deputy Fire Chief Connolly, Deputy Fire Chief Riley, Deputy Police Chief Gruen, Deputy Police Chief Thompson, Finance Director Parker, EMS Director Dralle, Communications Director McIntyre, Communications Assistant Babyar, Fire and Police Department Staff Members and Family and Recording Secretary Hardy

ABSENT

Trustee Barry, Trustee Nero and Police Chief Gunther

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 16, 2018 PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Trustee Liddle made a motion, seconded by Trustee Barker to approve the August 16, 2018, Public Safety Committee Minutes as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

TEAM COMMENDATION / LIFE SAVING AWARDS

The following awards were presented:

August 9, 2018

EMS Director Dralle said crews responded to the scene of a vehicle accident / full arrest on August 9, 2018. Thanks to their actions and quick response the patient survived and is making a full recovery. She then presented Life Saving Awards to Acting Lt. Tim King, F/M Andrew Ledesma, F/M Ethan Luoma, F/M Zach Crawford and F/M Grant VanBuren.

September 1, 2018

Deputy Chief Riley said at approximately 9:05 a.m. on Saturday, September 1, 2018 crews responded to Willow Crest Golf Course for three golfers struck by lightning on the 6th hole. Upon arrival medics scaled the fence and observed three male golfers on the 6th green. One was unconscious and two were knocked unconscious by the lightning strike but were now mobile. The unconscious victim took a direct strike with an entry wound near his shoulder and exit wound near his hand. Medics quickly assessed victims while the engine company cut the chain link fence. The most seriously injured golfer was transported ALS to Good Samaritan Hospital. He was then transferred later that day to Loyola University Hospital Burn Center. The two other golfers were transported to Good Samaritan Hospital. Great teamwork and quick medical care resulted in all three victims recovering and being released from the hospital.

Deputy Chief Riley presented Teamwork Commendation Awards to B/C Carl Lite, Lt. Brian Murphy, Lt. Pat Owens, F/M Frank Dizonno, F/M Ryan Dubowski, F/M Stephanie Grimm, F/M Gary Hoffstead, F/F John Moll, F/M Evan Rhule, F/M Dale Tobolt and F/M Richard Wauchope.

September 21, 2018

Deputy Chief Riley said at approximately 6:30 a.m. on Friday, September 21, 2018 crews responded to an activated fire alarm at 625 W. 65th Street. While enroute dispatch reported a confirmed structure fire at the location. Upon arrival smoke and fire were showing from a 1st floor unit. While starting to extinguish the fire, Capt. Kielczynski started to do a search of the unit and located a body behind a closed bathroom door. Capt. Kielczynski then forced the door open and removed the unconscious victim from the fire unit. Once outside he noticed the patient was not breathing and started chest compressions and the patient gasped for air. Patient care was then transferred over to the paramedics who administered ALS care and transported to Good Samaritan Hospital. Due to the quick actions of Capt. Kielczynski and all responding members the patient is alive and doing well.

Deputy Chief Riley presented Teamwork Commendation Awards to Capt. Joe Kielczynski, F/M Brad Benson, F/M Josh Boyajian, F/M Stephanie Grimm, F/M Jordan Kasper, F/M Tim King, F/M Adam Mobley and F/M Kris Ziemanczyk. He then presented a Life Saving Award to Capt. Joe Kielczynski for his actions taken during the structure fire.

PROMOTION - LIEUTENANT

Deputy Chief Riley said F/F Chris Stoltman was being promoted from Firefighter rank to the rank of Lieutenant. Lieutenant Stoltman thanked everyone in attendance for coming and supporting him as he transitions to his new role within the Fire Department. He thanked the Village Board for the opportunity to serve in a new capacity and appreciates all the help and knowledge he's gained while serving as a member of the Fire Department.

FEMA AWARD

Fire Chief Weiss said the Fire Department was presented with a FEMA award dated June 19, 2018 in conjunction with the Illinois Fire Sprinkler Association for protection of firefighters by adopting Residential Fire sprinkler codes for single family homes following NFPA's 13D Standards.

NEW AMBULANCE COMMITTEE

Deputy Chief Riley advised members are still working on the new ambulance purchase. Updates will be provided as they become available.

UPDATES:

9/11 SERVICE

The annual 9/11 Service was held on Tuesday, September 11th at Fire Station 2. There was a great turnout with a special and emotional speech from a 9/11 survivor. Staff plans on continuing to honor 9/11 in coming years.

95TH ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE

The Fire Department celebrated it's 95th Anniversary at it's annual Fire Prevention Week Open House held on Saturday, October 13th. There was a tremendous turnout and great weather throughout the event. The burn cell demonstration was held for the final year as the Village's fueling station will be relocated on the property south of the fire station.

Mayor Gunter, Trustee Guzzo and Communications Assistant Babyar unveiled the Fire Department mural designed and painted by Communications Assistant Babyar. Members and retirees also enjoyed a delicious BBQ dinner after the Open House. Deputy Chief Riley thanked Communications Assistant Babyar for all her hard work.

BATTALION CHIEF TESTING

The Battalion Chief testing process was completed on Wednesday, October 24th. A total of four Captains challenged the process and a final eligibility list should be available by November 5th.

LIEUTENANT TESTING

With the promotion of F/F Chris Stoltman earlier in the meeting, the current list has now been exhausted. An email was sent to department members soliciting their interest in challenging the Lieutenant promotional testing process. A total of five members expressed interest. They will have 90 days to study and prepare with the testing process commencing in early 2019. Once established, the list will remain active for two years.

NEW PAYROLL SYSTEM

It appears the Novatime 5700 payroll program meets Fire Department payroll processing needs and is compatible with PACE scheduling software. Staff is awaiting final Village approval prior to transitioning to the new system.

ECC RADIO CONSOLE REPLACEMENT

Deputy Chief Connolly advised approximately seven years ago the old Police Department dispatch center was converted to the Village's Emergency Communication Center (ECC) by repurposing the furniture, radio consoles and base station radios. Other than Command Van 1888, the ECC is the only place within Westmont where interoperability can occur. The ECC has designated positions for key department representatives from Police, Fire, Public Works and EMA.

Deputy Chief Connolly advised the Fire Department upgraded communications capability over the years by adding Starcom desktop radios and roof top antennas. However, Public Works, EMA, Fire paging and Fire mutual aid continue to utilize conventional VHF resources. To maintain interoperability amongst Westmont departments and most outside resources we need to continue to maintain conventional radio resources. Some base station radios are failing and beyond repair. Deputy Chief Connolly further said the major components required to maintain the ECC are: console furniture (14 years old - usable as is); radio console system (14 years old - nearing end of life); radio transmitters / receivers (20 years old - end of life); antennas (varying ages - usable as is).

Deputy Chief Connolly said staff is recommending a capital replacement program for the radio transmitters / receivers and radio console system. While they can be replaced separately there is a substantial cost savings by converting both components at the same time. The current estimates are: \$59,000 - radio transmitters / receivers and \$75,000 - radio console system. A budget proposal will be submitted as part of the 2019-2020 budget process.

HQ STATION CONSTRUCTION / IMPROVEMENTS

Deputy Chief Riley said there have been several construction projects taking place at HQ station. The driveway front apron was replaced along with landscaping improvements to the lower level and station front. The contractor, Fox Landscaping, did a fantastic job on the landscaping improvements. Other projects include: removing south driveway apron for storm sewer work, constructing a new parking lot, storm sewer improvements and relocating the fueling station.

He further advised the construction company experienced an emergency situation earlier in the week. A backhoe bucket somehow released falling to the ground injuring one of the workers. Although injured he is expected to make a full recovery.

OTHER BUSINESS

Fire Chief Weiss stated since adoption of new codes in January 2015 requiring sprinklers there have been 51 new single family homes installing sprinklers. There are currently 39 completed and an additional 12 still in the permitting process. In addition, several businesses within the B1 Business District have been sprinklered with five of them being retrofitted. The code requirement does not appear to have slowed down construction. The Fire Department will also work with existing property owners via a Memorandum of Understanding which allows for additional time to install the required sprinklers.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

SERVICE AWARDS

Deputy Chief Gruen recognized service awards to the following Police Department staff members: Thomas Kozielski - 20 years; John Majeski - 20 years; Scott Muska - 25 years; Tim Radtke - 20 years and Lois Kolumbar - 30 years.

SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE

Deputy Chief Gruen advised the Police Department Facebook page is now active along with the Nextdoor App. He encouraged community members to take a moment to visit each social media outlet.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS YEAR END WRAP UP

Deputy Chief Gruen advised a shred event was held last weekend. The event yielded approximately 2,300 pounds which is the most ever collected. He commended Docu-Shred on a job well done.

Deputy Chief Gruen said 13 officers will be growing beards from October 29th through the end of February in an effort to raise funds for Special Olympics.

Deputy Chief Gruen advised year to date a total of \$14,175 has been raised for Special Olympics which already exceeds the \$13,739 raised in 2017. Staff is hoping to reach a goal of \$15,000 in 2018.

He further advised that he will be stepping down as the Special Olympics liaison in 2019. Sergeant Weibler and Sergeant Gomoczak will be taking over the program.

DRUG TAKE BACK

Deputy Chief Gruen said a Drug Take Back event is scheduled for Saturday, October 27th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Two locations will be available at the Police Department, 500 N. Cass Ave. and Mariano's, 150 W. 63rd Street. Pharmacy Assistants will be available to assist with any questions. Items not accepted include creams or needles however, there are sharps containers available at the Police Department. He further said the Police Department attempts to hold the event every six months. A total of 255 pounds was collected last year.

CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY UPDATE

Deputy Chief Thompson advised the Citizen's Police Academy is currently in week six of the class. A total of 20 residents are participating which is a good turnout. Several updates have been posted on social media for members of the community to view.

OTHER BUSINESS

Deputy Chief Gruen advised he would be the Acting Police Chief while Police Chief Gunther was out on medical leave.

Village Manager May advised an agreement with Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital would be included on the Village Board Agenda. The agreement would provide for annual fire department physicals. Deputy Chief Riley said staff has experienced poor customer service with Elmhurst as they only have two physicians on staff. A cost savings of approximately \$300 per physical is also realized with Adventist Bolingbrook.

Trustee Guzzo recognized Diane Weiss for all her hard work in creating the Fire Department history books. She said the Fire Department Open House was great and it was nice to see so many retired members. Trustee Guzzo also thanked Chief Weiss for the opportunity to speak at the event.

There being no other business to discuss, Trustee Liddle motioned to adjourn, to which Trustee Barker seconded. The meeting subsequently adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Hardy
Recording Secretary