

**Public Health & Safety Committee Report
for the Meeting of August 11th, 2015**

Present were Director John Rita, Chief James Klinker, Commander Kevin Sisk, 911 Supervisor Jim McGeever, Alderman James Johanson, Alderman Nancy Thompson, Alderman George Poulos, Alderman Dexter Johnson, and myself. Absent were Alderman George Poulos, Alderman Dexter Johnson, and Don Marchbanks. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Citizens' Concerns

At the start of the meeting there were no citizens present.

Fire Department Report

The Fire Department had 340 calls in July, 213 were EMS calls
187 Patients were treated
170 Patients were transported
42 Patients refused transport

They responded to 21 general fire alarms, and 24 minor fire alarms.

They responded to 37 auto aid calls, most calls were from Calumet Park.

They had 41 calls to man the station.

They received 4 mutual aid response calls.

Average response time was 5.7 minutes.

The Fire Department answered one call to a structure fire at Durango Taqueria at 12358 Western, assisted Calumet Park Fire Department with a structure fire, assisted the Alsip Fire Department with smoke in the building at 11923 Hamlin, and responded to a call for a car into a gas meter at 12432 Maple. The resident who lived upstairs had the gas turned off with a pair of pliers before the Fire Department arrived.

Medical Reimbursement Services for July was \$28,022.76

Fire Recovery paid \$1488.00 in July

False Fire Alarms Fees collected in July \$100.00

General

Three new Firefighters, Sutkus, Sheehan, and LaPorta started July 6, 2015. They were sworn in at the July 14th Council Meeting. All have completed their day shift training and have been assigned to shift work as of July 31st.

New Firefighter Candidate Raymond Houlihan continues the pre-employment testing process.

Firefighters were out for Fill the Boot Drive on July 24th and August 7th. The total collected will be reported at the next meeting.

Firefighter Kapolnek passed his probation.

Shifts completed Silver Dawn Training (6 members are left to train.)

The Fire Department participated in Independence Day celebrations on the 3rd and 4th of July.

They also attended numerous block parties.

Firefighter Reed is off duty for approximately 6 to 8 weeks with an off duty injury.

Maintenance

Engine 2103: Electrical repairs done by Certified Fleet \$401.00

Ambulance 2162: \$2652.48 in repairs including \$1791.41 for a new parking brake assembly

Ambulance 2152: \$335.74 for two new tires.

Training

The training division has completed 825.1 hours of training for the month of July.

Firefighter Kirby passed the OSFM (Office of the State Fire Marshall) Vehicle Machinery Operations test and received his certification.

Grants

2014 AFG Grant – Application was sent in on December 5th, 2014. We have applied for two ambulances along with a micro grant request for Thermal Imaging Cameras and Multi-Gas Detectors. No response yet.

Private Grant – A grant application was submitted through the Grants Coordinator for 2 Thermal Imaging Cameras, 3 Automatic External Defibrillators, and 3 Smoke Ejectors. No response yet.

IDPH EMS Grant - AED's

Other grants that were previously applied for are no longer in existence.

Other

Director Rita stated that Sean Halloran will be attending the Illinois Finance Authority Vote. This will approve the loan needed for our new ambulance and truck equipment. The request for the ambulance may be brought to the Finance Committee or directly to the full Council for approval.

Police Department

Boot Ordinance

Deputy Chief Cornell has talked to the City Attorney about an amendment to the Boot Ordinance, to include a Boot Release Fee.

Alarm Ordinance

Deputy Chief Cornell has talked to the City Attorney about a False Alarm Ordinance for the Police Department, similar to that of the Fire Department. Excessive false alarms for hold-ups and burglar alarms would be fined. This ordinance will be brought to the Finance Committee for approval and then be sent to Public Safety.

Police Department Report

The Police Department answered 2218 calls including 409 business premise checks, 170 were liquor establishment checks.

Stats/Cases of Interest

184 Alarm Calls (all unfounded)
5 Robberies (2 unfounded)
0 Burglaries
9 Residential Burglaries (3 unfounded)
6 Shots Fired (all were considered unfounded)
122 Domestic Disputes
231 Traffic Stops

Total money collected for the month of June \$33,909.26

Parking citations are up due to new vehicle stickers being due, and the overnight parking ban going into effect.

Director Rita stated that a presentation on Passport Parking will be made next month.

18,454 miles patrolled.

The first day of 12 hour shifts was Sunday, August 9th.

Calls of Interest

On Monday, July 27th an offender walked into the Thornton's gas station with a white t-shirt over his head, only exposing his eyes. The offender told the clerk to open the register and give him all the money. The clerk gave the offender approximately \$300.00. The offender was charged for this incident on Thursday July 30th by Blue Island Detectives.

Liquor Establishment Calls

There was one fight call, one subject removal, one domestic dispute, and one aggravated battery in July.

Training

Part-time Officers Abdelhamid, Whitlock, Falls, and Wright attended training on radio use and procedures, parking enforcement and local ordinance enforcement.

Part-time Officer Gonzalez completed his shadow program with Corporal Navarro and was squad cleared.

Part-time Officer Nunez field training continues with Field Training Officer Padron.

Training will begin with Silver Dawn in August and September.

The Community Policing Unit began senior training as it pertains to Adult Protective Services.

The Community Policing Unit conducted Range Qualifications.

Community Policing Unit (CPU)

The community Policing Unit will be meeting with individual principles from each school to go over any issues that relate to law enforcement. Lincoln School and Paul Revere Schools are concerned about traffic congestion. A meeting has been scheduled with Deputy Chief Michael Cornell to address the issue.

The Police Department participated in Independence Day Celebrations on July 3rd and 4th.

National Night Out was held Tuesday August 4th from 6:00 to 9:00 at the Rec Center.

The Police Department assisted with St. Donatus fest held August 5th through 9th.

Sergeant Morey has announced his retirement. His last day will be August 16th.

911 Center

The 911 Center received 14,653 calls in July.

Calls from cell phones continue to go up.

Supervisor McGeever and Commander Sisk are working on a training manual for the 911 center.

The 911 Center will be hiring two new dispatchers.

BIEMA

No report submitted.

Monthly Health and Sanitation Report

In the month of July 30 Health and Sanitation Inspections were done. Two complaints were received on businesses, but the complaints were unfounded.

Aldermen's Concerns

Alderman Carr relayed concerns brought up at National Night Out by residents regarding the trains and the possibility of ambulances and/or fire trucks not being able to respond because of train stoppages.

Alderman Carr also asked about the gate closed by Gordon School leading into their parking lot. The gate is across private property.

Alderman Thompson mentioned a resident on Longwood that continually complains about people parking on Longwood.

Alderman Thompson expressed concern that cars do not stop at the stop sign at 120th and Longwood.

Citizens Concerns

Allan Stevo had arrived late to the meeting and waited until a motion to adjourn was made before he asked if he could be heard.

Mr. Stevo asked which aldermen were absent and whether or not Alderman Slattery is a member of this committee.

Mr. Stevo asked about the changes in the Police Contract. He was told that the Department is now working 12 hour shifts, and the raises were 0%, 0%, and 1%.

Mr. Stevo asked about the status of Ald. Poulos censure. He was informed that this committee has no intention of censuring Ald. Poulos since he has done nothing illegal or immoral. Mr. Stevo threatened to have all the members of the committee deposed.

Motion to adjourn by Ald. Johanson, second by Ald. Thompson.
Meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Our next regular meeting will be September 8th, at 6:00 pm in the East Annex.

Respectfully submitted,
Candace Carr
4th Ward Alderman