

**Public Health & Safety Committee Report
for the Meeting of September 8th, 2015**

Present were Director John Rita, Chief James Klinker, Deputy Chief Michael Cornell, Don Marchbanks, Alderman James Johanson, , Alderman Dexter Johnson, Alderman George Poulos, and myself. Absent was Alderman Nancy Thompson, Supervisor Jim McGeever was on vacation. Allan Stevo was present as a guest. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

Citizens' Concerns

Allan Stevo asked about the recent shooting, and was told that it was under investigation. Allan Stevo complained that an individual was parked in front of his house at 5:00 am and he was concerned for his safety the Police had questioned the driver, but did not make him leave. Allan Stevo complained that minutes from the previous meeting mentioned that he arrived late. Allan Stevo reintroduced the censure of Alderman Poulos, and then changed the subject to the posting of the agenda for the July 8th meeting, and then threatened to bring it up at the City Council meeting immediately following the Public Health and Safety meeting.

Fire Department Report

The Fire Department had 319 calls in August, 204 were EMS calls
180 Patients were treated
152 Patients were transported
54 Patients refused transport

They responded to 20 general fire alarms, and 41 minor fire alarms.

They responded to 24 auto aid calls, most calls were from Calumet Park.

They had 27 calls to man the station.

They received 3 mutual aid response calls.

Average response time was 5.7 minutes.

Medical Reimbursement Services for August was \$40,074.84

Fire Recovery paid \$348.00 in August.

False Fire Alarms Fees collected in August \$200.00

During the month of August, the Fire Department had one Canal Rescue, 16 other agencies came to assist, the victim did not survive. The Fire Department assisted Calumet Park with a fire at 12319 Aberdeen, and one Robbins Ambulance Box where the Chief and Engine Crew assisted.

General

New full time Firefighter Raymond Houlihan started August 24th, 2015. He was sworn in at the August 25th Council Meeting.

The Fire Department attended numerous block parties.

The Fire Department hosted Reading Smoke Class by the Illinois Fire Service Institute on August 21st.

Chief Klinker attended Emergency Roadway Management class put on by the Illinois Tollway on August 6th.

The crew and Chief attended National Night Out on August 4th.

The last Fill the Boot Drive was held on August 7th. Total amount collected for MDA was \$5,300.00.

The Fire Department participated in the St. Donatus Procession.

The Fire Department began researching prices for a new ambulance.

Maintenance

Engine 2123: Headlight \$10.38, in house.

Engine 2133: Four new rear tires \$1628.40 from Wentworth Tires.
It also needs AC repair estimated at \$2311.00.

Truck 2104: Leveling Piston repairs, awaiting cost from Certified Fleet.
Truck grease \$99.20 by Fire Service.

Ambulance 2162: AC Block replacement \$55.28, in house. AC recharge \$65.00 by Cool Rite. Grounding Strap replacement \$257.32, in house.

Ambulance 2152: Grounding Strap replacement \$257.32, in house.

Fire Prevention

Lt. Olson inspected 15 fire alarm systems, 1 sprinkler system, 4 business license inspections, and 1 plan review during the month of August.

Lt. Olson inspected the St. Donatus Carnival rides with Retired Alsip Deputy Chief Joe Schmitt.

Training

Two Firefighters attended classes for inspections.

The training division has completed 507 hours of training for the month of August.

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

Police Department

Alarm Ordinance

Deputy Chief Cornell presented the amendment to the False Alarm Ordinance which will now include alarms for hold-ups and burglar alarms. Motion by Alderman Poulos to approve, second by Alderman Johson. Voice vote taken, motion passed. This ordinance will be brought to the Finance Committee to determine the fee schedule.

Police Department Report

The Police Department answered 2277 calls including 409 business premise checks, 170 were liquor establishment checks.

Stats/Cases of Interest

97 Alarm Calls (all unfounded)
2 Armed Robberies
3 Robberies (1 unfounded)
9 Residential Burglaries (2 unfounded)
13 Shots Fired (7 unfounded)
121 Domestic Disputes
284 Traffic Stops

Total money collected for the month of August \$52,588.65

19,811 miles patrolled.

Calls of Interest

On Saturday, August 1st, a patron of Harry's Long Bar was smoking a cigarette in the parking lot when he was approached by 2 offenders. The offenders grabbed the victim and then punched him. One of the offenders displayed a handgun and demanded that the victim give him everything. The offenders took \$300.00 from the victim.

On Sunday, August 23rd, Officers responded to a shooting victim in front of 12729 Lincoln. Officers found the victim had suffered several gun-shot wounds. Several shell casings were found at the scene. The victim had been at Good Times bar and went outside to his car at the time of the shooting. The victim was pronounced dead at MetroSouth Medical Center. The Blue Island Police and South Suburban Major Crimes Task Force are investigating the incident.

On Sunday, August 23rd, a male subject wearing a hoody, mask and gloves followed the clerk inside the store at 2355 Vermont where he forced her to give him the combination to the safe. The victim managed to push the silent alarm and run from the rear of the store. Subject followed and a physical altercation ensued. Offender

fled the store without taking anything, but left behind a backpack which contained evidence that will probably lead to the offender.

Liquor Establishment Calls

There was one fight call, two subject removals, one homicide, and two disturbance calls, and one call for patrons drinking outside on the sidewalk in August.

Promotions

Corporal Connors was promoted to Sergeant. Corporal Farr was promoted to Sergeant. Officer King was promoted to Corporal. Officer Sepessy was promoted to Corporal.

Purchases

A new Ford Interceptor was purchased on August 27th.

Training

Sergeant Farr and Corporal King attended Silver Dawn senior training. The rest of the department will be attending in September and October.

Commander Sisk is working with Supervisor McGeever to develop policies and procedures, a training manual, and refresher training for the 911 Center.

Commander Sisk is working Corporal Sepessy to upgrade the training file system and schedule upcoming training.

Part time Officer Nunez completed his shadow program with Corporal Navarro and was squad cleared the second week of August.

Part time Officer Abdelhamid began field training with Corporal Sepessy.

The Community Policing Unit conducted Range Qualifications for part time Officers and Detectives.

Community Policing Unit (CPU)

The Community Policing Unit responded to several calls regarding seniors living in unfit conditions.

The Community Policing Unit attended a meeting with School District 130 regarding the implementation of D.A.R.E., G.R.E.A.T, and Operation Life Saver.

248 Building Citations were issued in the month of August.

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 was be August 16th.

St. Benedict's Fest will be held September 12th.

Angel's Touch Benefit will be held September 19th at the DoublePlay.

911 Center

The 911 Center received 13,727 calls in August.

Linda George and Alison Kiedaisch have started full time effective August 23rd, 2015.

BIEMA

Don Marchbanks said that the organization is badly in need of computers and equipment.

Monthly Health and Sanitation Report

In the month of August 30 Health and Sanitation Inspections were done. Several businesses that may be operating illegally within the city limits are being monitored.

Aldermen's Concerns

Alderman Johnson thanked the Fire Department for coming to National Night Out.

Alderman Poulos asked how many moving violations are cell phone related.

Alderman Johnson requested that abandoned properties in the 6th Ward be monitored more closely.

There was a discussion about scrappers and whether or not they are tracked by recycling companies.

Motion to adjourn by Alderman Johnson, second by Alderman Poulos.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Our next regular meeting will be October 13th, at 6:32 pm in the East Annex.

Respectfully submitted,
Candace Carr
4th Ward Alderman