

**Public Health & Safety Committee Report  
for the Meeting of January 7th, 2015**

Present were Director John Rita, Deputy Police Chief Michael Cornell, Fire Chief James Klinker, 911 Supervisor Jim McGeever, Chief Don Marchbanks, Alderman Leticia Vieyra, Alderman James Johanson, and myself. Also present were Alderman Marcia Stone. Absent were Alderman Buckner and Alderman Johnson. The meeting was called to order at 7:05.

**Citizens Concerns**

There were no citizens present.

**Fire Department Report**

The Fire Department had 348 calls in December, 231 were EMS calls  
193 Patients were treated  
179 Patients were transported  
49 Patients refused transport

They responded to 18 general fire alarms, and 30 minor fire alarms.

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

They had 42 calls to man the station.

They received 3 mutual aid response calls. 1 fire call, 2 ambulance calls.  
Average response time was 5.3 minutes.

There were several small fires in December, none were significant.

Medical Reimbursement Services for December was \$25,002.78. \$419,079.19 collected for 2015.

Fire Recovery collected \$435.00 in the month of December. \$10,081.68 collected year to date.

False Fire Alarm Fees Collected: \$0.00 \$1680.00 collected since inception earlier this year.

**General**

Probationary Firefighter Joseph Pinnick completed his day shift training month. He was assigned to 1<sup>st</sup> Shift effective 12/22/14.

Candidate Richard Whitlock is being processed to fill the vacancy of Firefighter Lichtenfeld who is currently waiting for a duty disability hearing with the pension board. This will bring our staff to 21 full time men, which is the amount required by the current collective bargaining agreement.

The Fire Department assisted with the Holiday Light Parade.

The Fire Department assisted with Rock Around the Clock.

Jackie Mathis retired from the Fire Department. Mr. Undra' Ware started on Monday December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

The Fire Department hosted the fourth part of a Situational Awareness Class presented by Cook County Homeland Security and MABAS 22 on Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014. This was at no cost to the City.

Chief Klinker thanked Mike Mech, the Bungalow Chef for providing meals for the Fire Department and 911 Center on Christmas Day.

## **Maintenance**

Ambulance 2162: Still needs water pump replaced by City mechanic.  
Still needs AC repair.

Ambulance 2152: City Mechanic replaced bad Alternator at no cost.

Engine 2103: Needs a new Starter. This is a Reserve Engine

## **Training**

The training division has completed 591.6 hours of training for the month of December.

No State Certification Tests were given this month.

Firefighters Duffy, Guarascio, and Evans are scheduled to take the State Firefighter III tests on February 7<sup>th</sup> 2015.

## **Grants**

Air Pack Grant update. Airpacks were delivered 12/17/14. The Fire Department is currently training on them, labeling them, mounting them on the rigs and having members fit tested. They will be in service ASAP.

Small Equipment Grant Illinois OSFM – The Fire Department received a rejection letter from OSFM. \$6.9 million was requested by Illinois Departments and only \$1 million was allotted.

2014 AFG Grant – Application was sent in on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014. We have applied for two ambulances along with a micro grant request for Thermal Imaging Cameras and Multi-Gas Detectors.

Private Grant – A grant application was submitted through the Grants Coordinator for 2 Thermal Imaging Cameras, 3 Automatic External Defibrillators, and 3 Smoke Ejectors.

## **Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Agreement**

Last month, Chief Klinker gave a short explanation of the MABAS Agreement Addendum. This was an update to keep us in compliance with Federal Law. A motion was made by Alderman Vieyra, second by Alderman Johanson. A voice vote was taken. The motion passed.

## **Police Department Report**

In 2014 the Police Department was able to accomplish the following:

- Implemented the Adult Protective Service program.
- Utilized Officers to write Building Code violations.
- Worked with EMA to take on more responsibilities at special events.

- Forged a relationship with the Blue Island Park District to address issues that impact the quality of life in neighborhoods adjacent to the parks.
- Directed Officers during their patrol shift to exit the squad cars and walk in residential neighborhoods.
- Officers are utilizing grants to
  - Patrol on bicycles
  - Conduct Tactical patrols
  - Conduct traffic safety stops
  - Conduct underage alcohol compliance
  - Conduct tobacco compliance

In 2014, the City of Blue Island saw noticeable reductions in Sex Crimes, Robberies, Residential Burglaries, Motor Vehicle Thefts, and Thefts.

For 2015 the Police Department hopes to accomplish the following:

- Create a Business Education Action Team (BEAT) to provide security and training to local businesses in order to reduce business related crimes, provide open communication, and educate employees on senior exploitation, abuse, and dementia. This will complement the Adult Protective Service program.
- The Police Department will implement a comprehensive in house training program that covers the following topics
  - Use of Force
  - Pursuits
  - Legal Updates
  - Search and Seizure
  - Policies

The goal of the program is to address the most common lawsuit against police departments which is failure to train. The program will ensure that all Officers have the most up to date information and training.

Our goal is to become a community policing model for all Police Departments by developing a rapport with the community and forming relationships with all the institutions within Blue Island.

The Police Department answered 2001 calls including 351 business/premise checks, and 72 liquor establishment checks.

### **Stats/Cases of Interest**

114 Alarm Calls (all unfounded)  
 2 Armed Robberies (both unfounded)  
 1 Robbery  
 6 Burglary (2 unfounded)  
 5 Residential Burglaries  
 3 Shots Fired (all unfounded)  
 88 Domestic Disputes  
 6 Foot Patrols in Residential Neighborhoods  
 364 Traffic and Investigative Stops

Total money collected for the month of December \$32,966.50

20,566 miles patrolled.

## **Calls of Interest**

On 12/2/14 Officers responded to 127<sup>th</sup> and Lincoln for an 11 year old child struck by a Metra train. The call was handed over to Metra Police Department.

## **Liquor Establishment Calls**

1 disturbance calls, 3 suspicious persons, 3 suspicious persons, 2 calls to disburse a crowd were received in December on liquor establishments.

## **Training**

December 4<sup>th</sup> two officers attended a Use of Force Workshop for Patrol Officers.

In this workshop emphasis is placed on imparting and using informed judgments in practical situations that arise in patrol.

The Blue Island Community Policing Unit completed Field Training Part Time Officer Vega for STEP 3 of the Field Training Program.

The Community Policing Unit conducted Range Qualifications

## **Community Policing Unit (CPU)**

Several senior checks were conducted throughout the City. The Community Policing Unit responded to a call of Senior Exploitation, wherein a senior had withdrawn over \$20,000 from the bank while in the company of an uncertified caretaker.

CPU answered several calls by area grade schools regarding child abuse and behavioral issues.

The School Resource Officer took an Eisenhower student into custody for attempting to disarm a Police Officer. The juvenile has been expelled. The incident was captured on video.

The CPU has reached out to Metra Police to jointly teach "Operation Life Saver" in the schools.

## **Part Time Officer Ordinance**

Deputy Chief Cornell gave an overview of the Amendment to the Part Time Officer Ordinance. This Amendment is necessary to put Blue Island in compliance with State Training Board and State Law. A motion for approval was made by Alderman Johanson, second by Alderman Vieyra. A voice vote was taken. Motion passed.

## **911 Center**

The 911 Center received 12,287 calls in December.

911 Cell calls are going up. Our call center does not have the capability of tracing these calls. Supervisor McGeever will have an action plan next month.

Supervisor McGeever supplied a comparison of 911 Center call totals for 2013/2014.

There was a discussion of the 911 Board. Revisions are in the process of being made to the current ordinance.

Two dispatchers will be sent to the MABAS Conference in February at no charge to the City.

The PACE warming bus agreement was discussed. No vote was taken.

## **BIEMA**

In the month of December, BIEMA logged a total of 262 hours. Value to the City of \$6075.78. Highlights for the month of December include the Christmas Light Parade, Rock Around the Clock, 2 requests to assist the Blue Island Police Department and Blue Island Fire Department. The officers are in the process of developing a training program including FEMA requirements for all public agencies.

## **BIEMA (ESDA) Name Change and Functions Ordinance**

The purpose of the Amendment is a name change to include reference to Homeland Security. The name change will bring additional responsibilities and may allow for additional funding for the Agency. Motion by Ald. Vieyra, second by Ald. Johanson. A voice vote was taken. Motion passed.

## **Monthly Health and Sanitation Report**

In the month of December 21 Health and Sanitation Inspections were done. Tom Mailhiot provided a list of the 266 Health and Sanitations that were done in 2015. Food related businesses in Blue Island re cleaner and following better sanitation practices than they did in prior years. We had no major food borne illness breakouts in 2014.

## **Aldermen's Concerns**

There was a question about Tom Mailhiot's coding of reports.

Motion to adjourn by Ald. Johanson, second by Ald. Vieyra.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Our next regular meeting will be February 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the East Annex.

Respectfully submitted,

Candace Carr

4<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman