

**Public Health & Safety Committee Report  
for the Meeting of April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

Present were Deputy Police Chief Michael Cornell, Fire Chief James Klinker, 911 Supervisor Jim McGeever, Alderman James Johanson, and myself. Also present were Commander Kevin Sisk, Officer Jason Slattery, Tami Neumann, and Cathy Braxton (both from Silver Dawn SFC., and *Michael Slattery*) Absent were Director John Rita, Alderman Buckner, Alderman Johnson, Alderman Vieyra, and Don Marchbanks. The meeting was called to order at 6:02. There was not a quorum but the reports were read.

**Citizens Concerns**

There were no citizens present.

**Presentation by Silver Dawn SFC**

Tami Neumann and Cathy Braxton of Silver Dawn SFC gave a presentation on Senior Friendly Cities. Silver Dawn SFC is working with Mayor Vargas and the Blue Island first responders in an effort to get the City of Blue Island certified as the first Senior Friendly City in the United States.

**Fire Department Report**

The Fire Department had 333 calls in March, 226 were EMS calls  
201 Patients were treated  
186 Patients were transported  
43 Patients refused transport

They responded to 17 general fire alarms, and 23 minor fire alarms.

They responded to 31 auto aid calls, most calls were from Calumet Park.

They had 33 calls to man the station.

They received 3 mutual aid response calls.

Average response time was 5.7 minutes.

The Fire Department assisted with two fires in Alsip. There was one clothes dryer fire, caused by lighter left in a pocket, and one water leak that activated a fire alarm.

Medical Reimbursement Services for March was \$51,175.43

Fire Recovery collected \$495.00 in the month of March.

False Fire Alarm Fees Collected: \$100.00 YTD.

**General**

Lt. Joseph Olson and Firefighter John McClement along with Former Calumet Park Fire Chief Jeffrey Kraft have been selected to receive the Firefighter Excellence Award from the Office of the State Fire Marshall for the events that occurred at a structure fire on June 1, 2014 at 119<sup>th</sup> and Ann St. They will be presented at the

Twenty-second Annual Firefighting Medal of Honor Awards ceremony in Springfield on May 12, 2015. All are invited to attend.

Part time Firefighter Demetrius Nolan resigned from the Department effective March 21, 2015. He served the City of Blue Island for 1 ½ years as a part time Firefighter.

Eight Fire Department members participated in the St. Baldrick's Event at D.D.Eisenhower on March 20, 2015 in conjunction with the Blue Island FOP Lodge. Together they raised over \$2000.00 for Pediatric Cancer Research.

Firefighter Ken Dompeling will be retiring effective April 9, 2015. His last day of work was April 8<sup>th</sup>, he served the City of Blue Island for almost 31 years.

### **Maintenance**

Ambulances 2152: Diesel Removal System repaired at a cost of \$377.19.

Ambulance 2152: Radius Bushings and Wiper Blades replaced in house for \$29.52.

Car 2100: Thermostat Housing repaired in house at a cost of \$114.16.

### **Training**

The training division has completed 506.85 hours of training for the month of March.

Lt. Kunz attended Investigator's Conference. Continuing Education for Fire Investigator Certificate

### **Grants**

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. 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.

New Applications: Fireman's Fund Grant, IDPH EMS Grant, and Fire Protection Grant.

### **Police Department Report**

The Police Department answered 2065 calls including 303 business premise checks, 84 were liquor establishment checks.

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

120 Alarm Calls (all unfounded)

2 Robberies

1 Burglaries

8 Residential Burglaries (4 unfounded)

1 Shots Fired

189 Domestic Disputes

366 Traffic Stops

Total money collected for the month of January \$113,626.25

19,751 miles patrolled.

### **Calls of Interest**

On Friday, March 20, 2015, at 9:09 P.M., the Blue Island Fire Department responded to a water leak at: 13034 S. Western Ave. On arrival, the Fire Department observed water leaking from the ceiling onto the food products below. The Fire Department made entry and observed what they believed to be a possible clandestine lab. The Fire Department contacted the Police with the Patrol Division responding and discovering a marijuana grow facility. Sgt. Schultz contacted Detectives Werniak and Delgadillo who responded to the scene and secured the premises as a Search Warrant was obtained.

At 11:30 P.M. the search warrant was executed and the following was recovered: over 100 marijuana plants which were inside four separate rooms. Four pounds of marijuana sealed in plastic bags. Several growing lamps, ventilation systems, computers, scales, mail for registered tenant, packaging and several thousands of dollars in United States Currency. The investigation continues.

### **Liquor Establishment Calls**

There were 2 Disturbance calls, 2 Fight calls, 1 Customer/Management Dispute call, and 2 Subject Removals in the month of March.

### **Training**

Officer Kevin Jones began Field Training for STEP 1 of the Field Training Program.

The Community Policing Unit conducted Range Qualifications

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

CPU was called to 2550 Collins for a senior living in unhealthy conditions. It was learned that the senior had covered the entire apartment in plastic, and each door and window was refortified with wood. Several padlocks were placed on the outer front door. CPU placed the senior in protective custody and had them transported to MetroSouth Medical Center for coordination of services.

### **911 Center**

The new 911 board needs to be appointed.

The 911 Center received 13,031 calls in March.

Deputy Chief Cornell and Supervisor McGeever will be doing random call reviews to ensure quality of service.

### **BIEMA**

No report submitted.

### **Monthly Health and Sanitation Report**

In the month of March 21 Health and Sanitation Inspections were done. Twenty-six business license checks were done.

**Aldermen's Concerns**

None

Meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Our next regular meeting will be May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the East Annex.

Respectfully submitted,

Candace Carr

4<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman