

**Public Health & Safety Committee Report
for the Meeting of October 2, 2013**

Present were Fire Chief Mark Luety, Deputy Chief Michael Cornell, Deputy Fire Chief James Klinker, Alderman Johanson, Alderman Vieyra, and myself. Absent were Alderman Buckner, and Alderman Johnson.

Citizens Concerns

There were no citizens present.

Fire Department Report

The Fire Department had 254 emergency calls in September, 178 were EMS calls
161 Patients were treated
140 Patients were transported
38 Patients refused transport

They responded to 14 general fire alarms, and 13 minor fire alarms.

They responded to 25 auto aid calls.

They had 20 calls to man the firehouses.

They responded to 4 mutual aid calls.

There were no major incidents involving the Fire Department in the City.

The Fire Department collected \$23,004.40 in the month of September, net of the collection fees.

The Fire Department has exhausted the maintenance budget for this fiscal year, and has submitted a report of preventative maintenance and further repairs on equipment to the Finance Committee.

The training division has completed 428.59 hours of training for the month of September. Firefighter Bethscheider went to a special Haz Mat Training on sheltering in Hazardous Material incidents.

The department has two Firefighter positions that are open due to one Firefighter going on a disability retirement, and Deputy Chief Klinker's promotion. The Civil Service Commission gave a full time entry level written and physical agility test on Saturday, September 21, 2013.

The Fire Department is hiring two new part-time Firefighters that conducted a five month internship with the department last year through Moraine Valley Community College. This will increase the number of part-time Firefighters to eleven.

The opening for the Fire Prevention Officer position is in litigation and grievance letters have been addressed with the union.

Chief Luety has submitted an application for a SAFER Grant for six new firemen for two years. We are awaiting word on this grant.

The Fire Department is waiting for the shipment of the new compressor, and a final clearance from NIOSH on the standard 2013 before they can order the Air Packs.

Fire Prevention Week is October 6th through October 12th. This year's theme is Kitchen Fire Safety. The Fire Department is conducting a poster contest with all the grade schools and the winner will be presented at a City Council meeting.

The Fire Department will welcome any guest this week between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. and take them on a tour of the Fire Station.

Police Department Report

The Police Department patrolled 15,580 miles for the month of September. 2386 calls answered.

553 Parking Citations
400 Moving Citations
228 Traffic Stops
15 Felonies
61 Misdemeanors
19 Warrant Arrests
43 Local Ordinance Violations (admin towing fees)
48 Vehicles Impounded

Total Fees Collected: \$55,023.84

Detective Division

55 Case Assignments in August
33 Cases closed
11 Cases pending apprehension
21 Cases pending lab
94 Open cases
6 Warrant Cases

Deputy Chief Cornell presented an Incident Comparison report for the year to date for the years 2013 and 2012.

The Boot Ordinance will be amended on October 8th, 2013. The first boot should go on a short time after that. Part time officers will be used to boot and tow the parking violators.

The next part-time academy begins January 4th, 2014. The Police Department is asking to hire 10 part-time officers. It has been posted on the Blue Island Police Department website that applications are being accepted.

Deputy Chief Cornell is currently researching the expenses involved with the city's animal control service.

Sergeant Sisk is revamping the training/range program to make it more cost effective.

There will be a 911 meeting on October 17, 2014 at 2:30 p.m. at the East Annex with Posen, Midlothian, and Calumet Park.

There will be the following personnel changes in the next two weeks: Corporal Connors will go to the Detective Division from the day shift. Officer Cirullo will be reassigned to the afternoon shift in patrol from the detective division. Officer Slattery will be moved to the day shift from the afternoon shift to resume his Elderly Service duties. Officer Miller will be reassigned to the midnight shift from the day shift. Corporal Rzab will be moved to the day shift from the midnight shift.

Director John Rita and Deputy Chief Cornell met with School District 218 to discuss safety issues.

Fire Chief Luetz and Deputy Chief Cornell met with Cook County Department of Public Health to discuss mass vaccinations in case of a health emergency.

Deputy Chief Cornell met with Robert Dolesky of the Illinois Comptroller's office to discuss the changes to the debt recovery program.

Director Rita and Deputy Chief Cornell spoke to a group of 75 seniors at the Calumet Township Senior Center about safety.

Elderly Service Officer Slattery spoke to a group of seniors about safety at First Lutheran Church on September 18th.

~~Deputy Chief Cornell, Fire Chief Luetz, and Deputy Chief Klinker met with MetroSouth Medical Center to discuss/update their response to bomb threats.~~

The Police Department assisted with the Run for Your Life 5K run at St. Benedicts.

There will be a special meeting of the Public Health and Safety Committee on October 10th, 2013, in regards to an AFSCME grievance.

Aldermen Concerns

Alderman Vieyra expressed concern over the number of pit bulls currently residing in Blue Island.

Our next regular meeting is November 6th at 7:00 in the East Annex.

Respectfully submitted,
Candace Carr
4th Ward Alderman.