

**Public Health & Safety Committee Report
for the Meeting of October 6th, 2014**

Present were Director John Rita, Deputy Police Chief Michael Cornell, Fire Chief James Klinker, Jim McGeever, Alderman Johanson, Alderman Johnson and myself. Also present were Mr. Allan Stevo, City Clerk Randy Heuser. Absent were Don Marchbanks, Alderman Vieyra and Alderman Buckner. The meeting was called to order at 7:05.

Citizens Concerns

None

Fire Department Report

The Fire Department had 259 calls in September, 174 were EMS calls
Calls were down, but this is comparable to last September.
144 Patients were treated
129 Patients were transported
40 Patients refused transport

They responded to 12 general fire alarms, and 13 minor fire alarms.

They responded to 28 auto aid calls, most calls were from Calumet Park.

They had 28 calls to man the station.

They received 4 mutual aid response call.

Calls of interest for September: House fire at 12913 Irving, the resident was at home but escaped unharmed, cause was faulty electric.

Medical Reimbursement Services for September was \$36,723.18

Fire Recovery collected \$3780.00 in the month of September.

False Fire Alarm Fees Collected: \$100.00

General

Patriot Day at Lincoln School and Paul Revere Intermediate. Police and Fire attended presentations by the schools.

Fire Prevention Week October 5th to October 11th. Activities include Tours, School Visits, Poster Contest, TV Station Public Service Announcements. Public Safety Committee will be judging the posters. Channel 4 has done a few programs regarding fire safety and smoke alarms.

Annual hose testing is being conducted in October.

Probationary Firefighter Randy Ludke II started Monday, September 22nd.

Part Time Firefighters Patrick Smith and Kevin Morphey started September 22nd.

The Fire Department is currently processing two new full time Firefighters. (Hall and Pinnick)

Mandatory Ebola Training per South Cook County EMS has started.

Maintenance

Ambulance 2162 is scheduled to go out for High Idle Repair.

Ambulance 2182 is out for repair at Rizza Ford. \$2,600 is the approximate cost.

Lieutenant Kunz is updating all maintenance records and scheduling repairs based on safety priority and availability of funds.

Training

The training division has completed 448 hours of training for the month of September.

Grants

Air Pack Grant update. Air Packs were approved by NIOSH. We are hopeful for an early November delivery date.

Small Equipment Grant Illinois OSFM – The Fire Department has applied for \$22,600 of new Personal Protective Equipment. We will apply for hoods, boots, gloves, flash lights, etc.

2014 AFG Grant – Applications will be out in November.

Police Department Report

Statement by Deputy Chief Cornell

In the coming months we will begin to offer new services for the community. Some of the new services we will be offering are:

- Pet/Property lost and found on Facebook
- Bicycle registration
- Home safety assessment by an Officer
- D.A.R.E. program in the schools

Senior Academy is already planned for February and March of 2015.

We will also start bringing all or most of the businesses in the city together to address quality of life issues and work together to come up with long term solutions.

Reports

The Police Department answered 2132 calls including 215 business premise checks, and 82 liquor establishment checks.

Stats/Cases of Interest

85 Alarm Calls (all unfounded)
1 Armed Robberies

3 Robberies (1 was reclassified as a theft from person)
4 Burglaries (2 unfounded)
16 Residential Burglaries (4 unfounded)
9 Shots Fired (5 unfounded)
98 Domestic Disputes
18 Foot Patrols in Residential Neighborhoods

Total money collected for the month of September \$37,292.16

17,788 miles patrolled.

Calls of Interest

*On September 4th at 2429 Prairie, a victim was walking his dog when he was approached by a group of young men. One of the offenders demanded the victim's phone then struck him. The offenders took the phone and fled in different directions. The Officers arrived and stopped three people. Two of the three were identified, and charged with robbery. This case continues to be worked by investigators.

On September 21st at 2100 Broadway, an offender was caught burglarizing a garage by the owner. The victim called the Police, the offender was caught and charged with burglary.

*On September 24th the Boost Mobile at 12900 Ashland, 3 young men entered the store brandished a pistol and announced a robbery. The subjects took the money in the register and multiple phones. This is an active open case and leads are being pursued,

On September 24th there was a Residential Burglary at 12000 Gregory. Subjects made forced entry into the residence and took a lap top computer. Physical evidence, including fingerprints was recovered and an arrest is expected in this case.

Liquor Establishment Calls

4 subject removals, 2 disturbance calls, 2 loud music calls, and 1 fight call were received in September on liquor establishments.

Training

Deputy Chief Cornell and Commander Sisk attended the IPPFA (Pension Board) Training September 30th through October 3rd.

Community Policing Unit (CPU)

Officers worked the JAG grant the following hours: 16 hours bicycle patrol, and 67 hours tactical patrol. CPU wrote 53 Building Code violations. These building code violations are decreasing due to increased responsibilities and compliance. Last month the building code fines from the Police Department and Building Department was over \$26,000.00

CPU conducted 7 well being checks on high risk seniors. One Elderly complaint was closed by notifying family members that there is a problem. One complaint of exploited Senior was reported in the month of September, we are working with Catholic Charities regarding this case.

Officer Slattery has been training on his own time to take over the D.A.R.E. program. D.A.R.E. will begin when the schools receive their D.A.R.E. books.

Due to recent articles in the FORUM, residents have begun to contact the Police Department via email regarding Elderly and Community Complaints.

Events

October 31st Halloween We will have extra officers out the weekend of Halloween. In addition, officers and detectives will be checking sex offenders residences to make sure that they are in compliance.

November 8th will be the Veteran's Day Parade.

Facebook Page

The Police Department Facebook Page has 1100 likes.

911 Center

The 911 Center received 10,747 calls in September.

The 911 Center is currently down two full time telecommunicators.

There was a Code Red Activation on Friday, September 5th due to a high pressure gas leak at 2625 W 120th Place.

As of October 6th, if an Emergency Code Red were issued for the entire city, there would be 3306 phone calls, 130 emails, and 231 text messages sent out.

BIEMA

No Report

Monthly Health and Sanitation Report

In the month of September 21 Health and Sanitation Inspections were done. 50 businesses were checked for proper licensing.

From Director Rita.

As of March 15th Calumet Park will no longer be part of Blue Island's 911 Center.

Aldermen's Concerns

Ald. Johnson mentioned the lack of lighting in the Masonic Temple parking lot.

Ald. Johnson also mentioned that he has noticed the Foot Patrols in his ward.

Ald. Johanson expressed gratitude for the clean up at 123rd and Western.

Ald. Carr expressed gratitude for BIEMA's participation in St. Benedict's Run for Your Life 5K.

Ald. Johanson mentioned that his neighbors have noticed the increased Foot Patrols.

Ald. Johnson expressed concern for what was happening at the Recreation Center.

Director Rita advised him that the City has plans to run the Recreation Center as a full Community Center, complete with staff. Grants are being applied for.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Our next regular meeting will be November 5th at 7:00 pm in the East Annex.

Respectfully submitted,

Candace Carr

4th Ward Alderman