

**Public Health & Safety Committee Report
for the Meeting of November 5th, 2014**

Present were Director John Rita, Deputy Police Chief Michael Cornell, Fire Chief James Klinker, Jim McGeever, and myself. Also present were Mr. Allan Stevo, Mr. Ron Young, Alderman Marcia Stone, Alderman Nancy Rita, and Alderman Tom Hawley. Absent were Don Marchbanks, Alderman Vieyra and Alderman Buckner, Alderman Johnson, and Alderman Johansen. The meeting was called to order at 7:10.

Citizens Concerns

Mr. Ron Young expressed concern about the red light cameras.

He said he has timed the yellow lights at 127th and Western and 127th and Gregory and the timing is not correct according to IDOT standards.

He asked how much money is collected in fines from the red light cameras.

He asked the percentage charged to us by the service provider.

Fire Department Report

The Fire Department had 348 calls in October, 235 were EMS calls
204 Patients were treated
188 Patients were transported
46 Patients refused transport

They responded to 17 general fire alarms, and 16 minor fire alarms.

They responded to 38 auto aid calls, most calls were from Calumet Park.

They had 39 calls to man the station.

They received 3 mutual aid response call. All were ambulance calls.

Average response time was 5.3 minutes.

There were several small fires in October, none were significant. There was a mattress fire, a garage fire, a small electrical fire at a school, and a cooking fire.

There was also a car into a building at 12964 Ashland, and a stranded boater on the Cal Sag Channel.

Medical Reimbursement Services for October was \$41,454.77

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

False Fire Alarm Fees Collected: \$0.00

General

Fire Prevention Poster Winners Daniella Hernandez and Xavier Bush were driven to school in Truck 2104 on Wednesday, October 29th.

Annual hose testing was completed in October.

Numerous Fire Drills, Fire Safety Presentations, and Fire House tours were given.

Dr. Tina Halliman Superintendent of S.D. 130 ordered the schools to have fire drills with Chief Klinker present.

Probationary Firefighter William Hall started Monday, November 3, 2014.

The Fire Department is currently processing one new full time Firefighters. (Pinnick)

Firefighter Nathan Lichtenfeld has applied for a duty disability pension.

Maintenance

Ambulance 2162 has had two alternators replaced.

Ambulance 2152 is scheduled to go out for High Idle Repair.

Ambulance 2182 was repaired at Rizza Ford. \$2,654.18 was the 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 607.83 hours of training for the month of October.

The Fire Department has received Ebola training.

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. No reply yet.

2014 AFG Grant – Application period is open through December 5th, 2014.

Police Department Report

Statement by Deputy Chief Cornell

Deputy Chief Cornell urged everyone to go on the Blue Island Police Department's Lost Dogs page. The Police Department has been able to reunite dogs with their owners through the use of this page. Deputy Chief Cornell and Alderman Carr mentioned that Corporal Connors has been doing an excellent job running the Lost Dogs page.

Reports

The Police Department answered 2426 calls including 515 business/premise checks, and 82 liquor establishment checks. The increase in premise checks is due to abandoned home checks. These checks will be conducted periodically to make sure that the homes are properly secured.

Stats/Cases of Interest

90 Alarm Calls (all unfounded)
3 Armed Robberies (1 unfounded, 1 in Calumet Park)
1 Robberies
1 Burglaries
11 Residential Burglaries (1 unfounded)
9 Shots Fired (6 unfounded)
110 Domestic Disputes
28 Foot Patrols in Residential Neighborhoods

Total money collected for the month of October \$35,985.25

18,036 miles patrolled. This means that on average each street is patrolled 10 times a day.

Calls of Interest

No significant calls of interest this month.

Liquor Establishment Calls

1 subject removals, 2 disturbance calls, 1 domestic calls, and 3 fight calls were received in October on liquor establishments.

Training

October 20th seven Officers attended rifle training class.

October 22nd Officer Sepessy attended rifle instructor's class.

October 29th ten Officers attended in house Use of Force/Officer Safety Training at the Blue Island Public Works facility.

October 30th, new part-time Officers received officer safety/radio procedure training.

Miscellaneous

Halloween night there were officers on foot in the neighborhoods. Cook County Sheriff's gang unit and the Blue Island Detective Division worked together late into the evening to ensure that our children were safe.

Community Policing Unit (CPU)

The CPU investigated four calls regarding senior citizens. Several other senior checks were conducted throughout the City.

CPU answered several calls by area grade schools regarding abuse, run aways, fights and traffic jams.

CPU conducted Deputy Chief Cornell's "Safe Halloween Initiative" to all elementary schools, middle schools, as well as the high school. In order to better educate parents that throwing eggs, taking children's candy or threatening to strike a child with an egg is a criminal offense the CPU reached out to the schools regarding this type of horseplay. This program has helped reduce the number of unnecessary juvenile arrests that occur during Halloween.

Officer Slattery attended the PLOWS meeting regarding the Commission on Aging. Officer Slattery is a committee member and represents law enforcement interests on the committee.

Events

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

December 6th will be the Fill a Cruiser food drive for Angel's Touch at Memorial Park

December 6th will also be the Christmas Light Parade.

Facebook Page

The Police Department Facebook Page has 1144 likes.

911 Center

The 911 Center received 13,252 calls in October.

BIEMA

No Report

Monthly Health and Sanitation Report

In the month of October 24 Health and Sanitation Inspections were done.

Tom Mailhiot attended a seminar at the Will County Health Department regarding health inspections, radon risk, produce borne disease, and private well education.

Aldermen's Concerns

None

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Our next regular meeting will be December 3rd at 7:00 pm in the East Annex.

Respectfully submitted,

Candace Carr

4th Ward Alderman

