

**Public Health & Safety Committee Report
for the Meeting of April 2nd, 2014**

Present were Director John Rita, Fire Chief Mark Luety, Deputy Police Chief Michael Cornell, Deputy Fire Chief James Klinker, Jim McGeever, Don Marchbanks, Alderman Vieyra, Alderman Johanson (7:10), Alderman Marcia Stone as a guest, and myself. Absent were Alderman Johnson and Alderman Buckner. The meeting was called to order at 7:05.

Citizens Concerns

No citizens were present.

Fire Department Report

The Fire Department had 292 emergency calls in March, 188 were EMS calls
168 Patients were treated
154 Patients were transported
33 Patients refused transport

Average call to patient response time 5.8 minutes

They responded to 21 general fire alarms, and 29 minor fire alarms.

They responded to 29 auto aid calls, most calls were from Calumet Park.

They had 23 calls to man the station.

They received 2 mutual aid calls.

There were no major events for the month of March. Calls of interest: Two fires under the north end of the Chatham Street Bridge, one car fire, one security camera fire at the Metra Station, and one minor fire at a restaurant.

Medical Reimbursement Services for March \$40,979.85 with a process fee of \$3893.09

Fire Recovery submitted eight claims in the amount of \$832.00

General

The new radio system for Firefighter accountability is in service and being used in the division with the computer system installed in both chief's vehicles.

Administrative Assistant Jackie Mathis was awarded a scholarship for a three day seminar starting on April 23rd through April 25th.

A new wood floor that was purchased by Foreign Fire Tax Funds was installed at Station #2 by Firefighter Haywood and members of his shift.

Maintenance

Engine 2123 was sent out for its preventative maintenance service including a pump test. The cost of this work (\$6500.00) is being funded by the Foreign Fire Tax Fund.

Marine One will be sent out to Water Works for maintenance to repair a leak before it is place in the water.

A total of 9.75 hours for in-house maintenance, repairs and documentation was performed by Lieutenant Kunz.

Training

The training division has completed 460.21 hours of training for the month of March.

The four Moraine Valley interns have all passed the Illinois State Fire Marshal test for Basic Firefighter.

All shifts have completed a two hour training course for the new radio system and its uses from Emergency Mayday Alerts to Emergency Evacuation tones.

The Fire Department will be hosting a special training class and practical on Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG) fires for our department and Division 22 on Wednesday night, April 9th. There will be a total of 88 students.

The department will also be hosting a division wide special EMS class on treating stroke patients, presented by Dr. Erickson from MetroSouth Hospital on April 28th.

Lieutenant Olson is looking into acquiring sea shipping containers to construct a training tower at station #2.

Grants

A five month extension for the new Air Packs was submitted to FEMA due to the possibility of Air Packs not being delivered before April 19th when the grant ends.

No word has been received on the Safer Grant for staffing of new Firefighters, or the Assistance Firefighter Grant for two new ambulances.

Fire Chief Luety and Deputy Police Chief Cornell attended a grant writing seminar in New Lenox.

Police Department Report

The Police Department has begun the Walk and Talk program in the Uptown area.

The Police Department patrolled 17,590 miles for the month of March. 2151 calls answered including business checks. 107 liquor establishment checks were done.

- Parking Citations
- 386 Moving Citations
- 221 Traffic Stops
- 13 Felonies
- 67 Misdemeanors
- 24 Warrant Arrests
- 48 Local Ordinance Violations (equipment violations, seatbelts)
- 54 Vehicles Impounded

Total Fees Collected: All figures were not in.

Stats/Cases of Interest

3 Robberies (2) unfounded
9 Residential Burglaries (1) unfounded
83 Alarm Calls
8 Shots Fired (5) unfounded

Calls of Interest

In February, the Blue Island Police Department received their first crime tip on Facebook. The person sent a link to a YouTube video that showed four young men at Stan's Park, 12701 Irving shouting gang slogans and shooting a gun. The Detective Division, with the help of the Patrol Division was able to identify all the people that were on the video. The Detectives recovered evidence after the snow melted and were able to take two people into custody for the incident. Two offenders are still at large.

On March 9th at approximately 3:00 p.m. at 2800 Broadway. Officers were responded to a shots fired call. Upon arrival Officers spoke to one of homeowners and learned that an unknown person shot through their residence. While at the scene a witness/victim came forward and told officers who was involved. Detectives picked up the juvenile offender and charged him.

On March 10th a male subject entered the Thornton's Gas Station wearing a hoody sweatshirt and a mask. The offender walked up to a clerk, pointed a gun, and demanded money. The clerk gave the offender money and the offender fled in an unknown direction.

Overtime Paid

Supervisors:	32	hours
Patrol Officers:	63	hours
Court:	96.75	hours
Detectives:	67	hours
Late calls/Paperwork:	52.5	hours

Liquor Establishment Calls

7 disturbance calls were received in March on liquor establishments.

Training

Sergeant Jamie Schultz, Officer Sean Donica and Officer John Chickerillo attended concealed compartments in vehicles training at Lake in the Hills Police Department.

Officer John Miller attended Laws of Arrest, Search and Seizure training at Lincolnwood Police Department.

Sergeant Jamie Schultz and Officer Brian Holwell attended Illinois Vehicle Code Review training at Highland Park Police Department.

Miscellaneous

The Justice Assistance Grant for \$20,000.00 was applied for in March. This grant allows Officers to work on their days off in a tactical capacity and allows for patrols with ATV's and bicycles.

The METLife Foundation Community-Police Partnership grant was also applied for in March. The grant will allow Certified Juvenile Blue Island Police Officers to reach out to troubled youth in the community and problem solve with their families and school officials.

Facebook account

In February the Police Department Facebook page received its first big tip. It has added almost 90 followers in the last month, and is up to 629 likes.

Upcoming Events

Ike Hike 5K run is set for April 26, 2014.

The Blue Island Little League Parade will also be held on April 26th.

Fit for Life Day will be held at Paul Revere Primary on May 2nd.

Officers are being assigned to help out doing Public Service Announcements. Before the end of the year, all officers will have done at least one PSA.

Boot Program

Three hundred letters were sent out in the last week. After 14 days we will be able to begin booting cars.

911 Center

The 911 Center received 12,399 calls in March. These included calls from Blue Island, Calumet Park, Midlothian, and Posen.

National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week is April 13th through the 19th.

Code Red EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION

We have received a listing of all the phone numbers in Blue Island. Now if a call is received from a large building, such as Eisenhower High School, the location of the phone within the building can be immediately determined. This will also make it simpler for people to opt in to the system. A discussion followed regarding mandatory registration for certain schools and businesses.

BIEMA

Don Marchbanks gave a brief report of BIEMA activities for the month of March. The membership is now at 14. The volunteer services provided to the City in March were equal to \$7281.66.

Braniff Communications of Crestwood was contacted regarding the emergency sirens. At this time, all sirens are functional but will be needing maintenance. One siren will need to be replaced. We are awaiting an estimate from Braniff.

On 3/08/14 Paul Johnson retired from BIEMA.

Public Health

Tom Mailhiot performed 20 health inspections on businesses in the month of March.

Aldermen's Concerns

None

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Candace Carr
4th Ward Alderman