



Article I. Public Safety Commission
Des Peres Public Safety Department
1000 N. Ballas Road
Des Peres, MO 63131

AGENDA

BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING OF MARCH 7, 2016

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- IV. Approval of Minutes
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- IX. New Business

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA)

The Board of Public Safety Commission Meeting will be held at 1000 N. Ballas Road, commencing at 7:00 p.m. The City of Des Peres, in compliance with the ADA, will provide accommodations upon request. Individuals with a disability who require an accommodation to attend this meeting should call 314-835-6157(V), or use Relay Missouri by dialing 711 at least 48 hours in advance to communicate their needs.

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Comm. Gerald Lund
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MARCH 7, 2016

The Board of Public Safety Commission Meeting, conducted in the Public Safety Building, was called to order by Commission Chairman Beermann at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was conducted with the following in attendance: Commissioner Larry Beermann, Commissioner Robert Ashcraft, Alderman Kathleen Gmelich, Chief Keith Krumm, Captain Sean Quinn, Captain Eric Hall and Support Lieutenant Robert Willoughby. Commissioners Joanne Sullivan and Jerry Lund were absent with excuse.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

To Commissioner Beermann's inquiry of any citizen comments, Commissioner Ashcraft, in referencing an article from the Webster-Kirkwood Times concerning Kirkwood Fire Department acquiring a UV-C Disinfection Lamp, inquired if this department would be making such a purchase. Chief Krumm and Captain Quinn advised the item was planned to be in the department's 2017 capital improvement budget requests. For now, it is proposed the lamp will be used for disinfecting the holdover facility and for the ambulance.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS/ADDITIONS:

To Commissioner Beermann's inquiry of any agenda amendments and/or additions, none was offered.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

With regards to the minutes of the February 1, 2016, Public Safety Commission Meeting, Commissioner Ashcraft motioned to approve the minutes. Alderman Gmelich seconded the motion and the motion carried with aye votes from Commissioner Ashcraft and Alderman Gmelich; Commissioner Beermann abstained.

ALDERMANIC REPORT:

Alderman Gmelich offered the following aldermanic updates:

- Reference the Starbuck/Reliance Bank lawsuit (related to Conditional Use Permit denial), a trial before a special master was concluded last week and is now awaiting a decision by the special master.
- The Rosalita's Restaurant opening has been delayed.
- The West County Mall Parking Garage Project is completed.
- A revised Bike and Pedestrian Plan has been received and is posted on the city's website.
- There are several sale tax bills before the Missouri State governing bodies in Jefferson City that are being monitored by Des Peres city staff and officials.

BUDGET:

Chief Krumm advised the final 2015 budget figures should be completed in the near future. As previously announced, funds for the fill station and the fire turnout gear have been transferred from the 2015 budget to the 2016 fiscal budget.

On the matter of the Bi-Dimensional Amplifier, approved by the Board of Aldermen and to be funded by the remaining West County Mall TIF funds, Chief Krumm and Captain Hall advised the department is awaiting approval by CBL Management (current West County Mall owner) approval. The Bi-Dimensional Amplifier will enhance radio communication at the mall in dead-zone areas where such communication is not available.

QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION ON WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT TOPICS:

Commissioner Ashcraft commended the Command Staff in the enrolling of/attendance by Support Lieutenant Willoughby and Shift Lieutenant Preuss in the Pre-Employment Interviewing Class conducted at the St. Louis County Police Academy. To his inquiry if more supervisory/command staff would be attending such classes, Chief Krumm advised this training has been attended by others, some of whom are no longer with the department. Additional members will be enrolled as future classes are offered.

OLD BUSINESS:

Updates were as follows:

On February 26, 2016, at the Missouri Police Chiefs Association Meeting, Chief Krumm was notified the department had attained state certification. At the March 28th Board of Aldermen Meeting, the City will officially be presented with the certificate award. The attending Public Safety Commission members complimented Chief Krumm and Captain Hall (who was the Support Lieutenant in charge of the state certification project). Chief Krumm also announced Captain Quinn and Support Lieutenant Willoughby will be attending the CALEA (Commission of Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies) Conference that will be held in St. Louis this month.

On the matter of project updates, Chief Krumm advised:

- The fill station has been delivered; installation of the station and training of department members will occur in the near future.
- The order for the fire turnout gear has not yet been delivered.

The fire/rescue pumper committee will finalized the pricing elements of its proposal and a presentation will be offered to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen at 6:00 p.m., March 28th.

Following a discussion of Captain Hall's Evaluation of Ambulance Billing memo (see attachment) and the ambulance claims not being processed because they do not reflect a mileage fee, Commission Ashcraft

motioned the Public Safety Commission, in concurring with the Public Safety Department's suggested price adjustments of \$650 for Basic Life Support, \$700 for Advanced Life Support 1, \$750 for Advance Life

Support 2 and an \$8/mile mileage cost, recommend the Board of Aldermen adopt the pricing adjustments. The motioned was seconded by Commissioner Beermann and carried with aye votes from Commissioners Beermann and Ashcraft; Alderman Gmelich abstained.

NEW BUSINESS:

Having no items of announcements/discussions, Commissioner Ashcraft motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Gmelich and unanimously carried with aye votes from Commissioners Beermann and Ashcraft, and Alderman Gmelich. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

APPROVED BY: Bob Ashcraft

Bob Ashcraft, Commissioner

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**CITY OF DES PERES
DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC SAFETY**

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

TO: Chief Krumm
FROM: Captain Hall *EN 140*
DATE: March 1, 2016
SUBJECT: Evaluation of Ambulance Billing

The department was contacted by our emergency medical billing provider, Pro Claims, who brought to our attention that a number of our patient transport bills have been returned to them marked in error.

In looking at this issue a little further with Pro Claims, as of January 1, 2016, a number of insurance companies will not accept or process EMS patient transport bills that do not have an amount charged for transport mileage. The only avenue the insurance company has is to indicate that the bill is in error and send it back to the billing company.

Currently, the department charges the following fees, but no mileage:

Advanced Life Support 1	Base Fee \$650.00
Advanced Life Support 2	Basic Fee \$650.00
Basic Life Support	Basic Fee \$650.00
Mileage	\$0 per mile

To evaluate this issue I surveyed the area departments and additional departments that utilize Pro Claims for billing. Below is the average of this survey (I have attached the full comparison summary).

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Advanced Life Support 1	\$757.50
Advanced Life Support 2	\$837.00
Basic Life Support	\$667.00
Mileage	\$10.13 per mile

After discussing the current fee structure of our patient billing and the billing of other departments with EMS Officer Gavin Schweiss, the following are the recommended changes in fee structure and mileage:

Advanced Life Support 1	\$700.00
Advanced Life Support 2	\$750.00
Basic Life Support	\$650.00
Mileage	\$8.00 per mile

I would like to note that the department charges a basic fee but does not charge for any procedures that are completed during patient care. For example, a majority of the departments will add an additional fee for providing an IV, conducting an EKG, oxygen, medications, and bandaging (to name a few). The department does not currently charge for any procedures once patient care is established and the recommendation is to maintain this practice and not charge for any additional procedures.

I recommend that this be reviewed by the Public Safety Commission for further action.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need further information.

EMS Billing Summary from Pro-Claims

	ALS 1	ALS 2	BLS	Mileage (per mile)
Des Peres	\$650.00	\$650.00	\$650.00	\$0.00
Afton Fire Protection District	\$625.00	\$625.00		\$8.00
City of Frontenac Fire Department	\$750.00	\$809.00		\$12.70
City of Richmond Heights Fire Department	\$650.00	\$650.00		\$8.50
City of Kirkwood Fire Department	\$850	\$850	\$850	\$10.00
City of Shrewsbury Fire Department	\$700.00	\$700.00		\$9.00
City of St. Louis Fire Department	\$750.00	\$800.00	\$650.00	\$9.00
City of Webster Groves	\$725.00	\$725.00		\$9.00
Community Fire Protection District	\$1,060.00	\$1,250.00	\$785.00	\$12.50
Fenton Fire Protection District	\$800.00	\$900.00	\$700.00	\$10.00
Joachim Plattin Township Ambulance	\$700.00	\$825.00	\$575.00	\$7.50
City of Ladue Fire Department	\$850.00	\$1,000.00	\$650.00	\$10.50
Normandy Fire Protection District	\$875.00	\$1,150.00	\$675.00	\$15.00
Pattonville Fire Protection District	\$885.00	\$1,000.00	\$650.00	\$12.00
Valley Park Fire Protection District	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$500.00	\$8.00
West County Fire Protection District	\$650.00	\$860.00	\$650.00	\$10.25
Average	\$757.50	\$837.00	\$667.00	\$10.13