



Des Peres Public Safety Department  
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## **BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING**

**OF**

**SEPTEMBER 6, 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 Joanne Sullivan, Commissioner Robert Ashcraft, Commissioner Jerry Lund, Chief Keith Krumm, Captain Sean Quinn and Captain Eric Hall. Alderman Paul Raczkiwicz and Lt. Robert Willoughby were absent with excuse.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

To Commissioner Beermann's inquiry of any citizen comments, Commissioner Ashcraft mentioned, from an article he read, of an auto collision that occurred on the Manchester Road split. Captain Quinn advised accidents do happen, even with the signage postage, indicating one direction and the patrols watching for wrong-way driving motorists. Chief Krumm advised an officer recently witnessed a motorist driving the wrong way, stopped her and, in her attempt to turn around, struck the police unit.

Commissioner Ashcraft also announced that at the next Board of Aldermen Meeting Starbucks conditional use permit will be on the agenda and expects a residential area turnout on the matter.

To Commissioner Lund's inquiry concerning bicyclists on the roadways, Chief Krumm advised cyclists have held to the laws and rights of motorists. When passing a cyclist, if there is no designated bicycle lane, a motorist can pass as if passing another vehicle when there is a safe clearance and no double yellow striping on the pavement. Bicycles cannot be used on the interstates.

#### **AGENDA AMENDMENTS/ADDITIONS:**

To Commissioner Beermann's inquiry of any agenda amendments and/or additions, the following was noted: Chief Krumm requests the subject matter of Manpower Request be added to New Business.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

With regards to the minutes of the July 5, 2016, Public Safety Commission Meeting, Commissioner Ashcraft motioned to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sullivan and carried with aye votes from Commissioners Sullivan, Ashcraft and Lund. Commissioner Beermann abstained.

#### **ALDERMANIC REPORT:**

(None was offered.)

#### **BUDGET:**

Relative to the 2016 Budget, Chief Krumm advised:

- Most of the accounts are within 66% spending. The additional \$50,000 to the overtime account should sufficiently cover upcoming expenses until the end of the year.
- Part-Time Salaries (for part-time dispatchers) is slightly over and will be adjusted to correct this.

Relative to the department's 2017 Request Budget (Capital Improvement requests and line-item requests), Chief Krumm advised:

All the Personal Services accounts (salaries, F.I.C.A., fringe benefits), with the exception of the overtime account will be calculated and provided by the City

Administration and Finance Department.

All accounts associated with the Materials and Supplies categories have been completed. To Commissioner Ashcraft's inquiry regarding what might be, in his opinion, low funding requests for Equipment and Vehicles Maintenance accounts, Chief Krumm advised both these accounts fluctuate year-to-year. As equipment, vehicles and fire/EMS apparatus age, more maintenance can be incurred. However, as in this year, 71% of the Equipment Maintenance funding remains, while Vehicle Maintenance remaining budget is at 33%.

Accounts related to Contractual Services and regarding fire/EMS dispatching, as well as fire and C.A.L.E.A training costs remain in fluctuating states. The department has initiated action in taking back fire and emergency medical service dispatching after Central County 911 Emergency Dispatching drastically increased its price. For several months, Community Service Officer Elzinga has diligently worked on devising and implementing additions into the department's C.A.D. (computer-aided dispatch) system for fire and EMS dispatching. In addition, Chief Krumm and Captain Hall have discussed the possibility of joining other departments in a collective dispatching setup or having another department handle the fire/EMS calls. At the present, Chief Krumm and Captain Hall are awaiting a possible price offer from Kirkwood in handling the fire/EMS calls. In the event, the department retains its own fire/EMS dispatching, a format has already been drafted for the re-training of the current dispatchers and the additional dispatchers needed to handle the extra assignments/workload.

On the matter of police training, Chief Krumm, Captain Quinn and Lt. Willoughby have been checking into on-line providers that will meet the new state training mandates. In addition, with the department working towards CALEA (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies) certification, several more training sessions will be required and officers will not be permitted to leave a training session; thus, affecting overtime. Officer(s) will be assigned overtime to cover while the on-duty shift attends training sessions. If an officer leaves a training session (to respond on a call), no credit is given for the session and could result in that officer having to make up the session on an overtime basis.

Captain Hall has been checking into various options regarding fire training and meeting standards set by I.S.O. (International Organization for Standardization) that require certain training and number of hours at an approved training site. The department's current fire training contract is with West County Fire Protection District; however, Captain Hall has been checking into Tri-County (consisting of Eureka, Fenton, Valley Park, Kirkwood and Crestwood), as well as on-line fire training programs.

Relative to Emergency Medical Services training, Captain Hall is also checking into comparative options.

## **QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION ON WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT TOPICS:**

To Commissioner Beermann's inquiry of any questions or discussion concerning weekly activity report topics, none was offered.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Updates were as follows:

With regards to CALEA Cost Updates, Chief Krumm advised the software programs, as recommended by CALEA, have been purchased. In reviewing overtime costs that will be related to required CALEA police training, the department could incur a substantial increase of overtime. In that the department for the past several years has incurred additional overtime expenses due to manpower needs as associated with absences (due to medical, on-duty injury leave and military leave) Chief Krumm will introduce a request for additional police officers.

Captain Hall advised he is awaiting an updated/corrected price listing from E1 regarding all items for the new rescue pumper. It is still anticipated that the new pumper will be delivered in March, 2017.

Relative to the Fire & EMS Dispatching, please review page 3, second paragraph, of these minutes

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Chief Krumm introduced his idea of adding additional manpower to the department. The additional officers would be hired as police only and trained as Emergency Medical Technicians. They would work an eight or ten-hour shift and be added to the staff that is currently assigned to the mall. The mall patrol would be expanded from handling just assignments at the mall to also handling city retail patrol on Manchester Road or used for traffic enforcement. Also, the additional officers would take over a sector patrol whenever an officer on patrol is sent to the station to standby on the pumper or the ambulance. This happens routinely when only one apparatus is sent on a call for service.

Furthermore, these additional officers would reduce overtime. When operating at minimum staffing, whenever an officer calls in sick, we have to fill a sixteen-hour overtime shift. With an additional officer assigned to the day or afternoon watch, the overtime shift would be reduced to eight (8) hours or less. Mandatory overtime would be reduced significantly. The officers would be assigned to standby for other officers attending police training so they are not subject to radio calls and, thus, pulled from training session (and not receive credit, as uninterrupted attendance is required by

CALEA). They will also be used to supplement patrol when the shift attends fire training.

The officers would be police with Emergency Medical Technician licenses until a need arises for additional training, qualifying the officer(s) as a public safety officer(s). By the end of this year, three of the current four officers at the mall will be fully trained public safety officers. When needed, these officers could be used to fill both long and short term absences on the 24- hour shifts. The new officers would be sent to the fire academy on an as-needed basis to maintain a reserve of fully trained public safety officers.

More details will follow as the complete details are worked out, including a sample schedule. This item will be on the next agenda for further discussion with additional details presented.

Having no other topics of announcement/discussion, Commissioner Sullivan motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ashcraft and unanimously carried with aye votes from Commissioners Beermann, Sullivan, Ashcraft and Lund. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

APPROVED BY: 

Bob Ashcraft, Commissioner

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