

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

November 17, 2015

The Public Safety Committee conducted a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, November 17, 2015 in the Training Room of Police Headquarters, 900 Longbrook Ave, Stratford, CT, pursuant to notice duly posted.

Committee Members in attendance: Council Members Jason Santi and Brian Dempsey; Electorate members Barry Kelly and Jennifer Hillgen-Santa, Emergency Management Director John Gottfried

Others in Attendance: EMS Director Michael Loiz, Police Chief Patrick Ridenhour, Deputy Chief Joe McNeil, Fire Chief Bob McGrath, Fire Dept. personnel Kevin Lantowsky, Southern CT State University student Diane Lazarus

Documents distributed during meeting:

- Incident Briefing re: Tornado 1 – submitted by Emergency Management Director John Gottfried
- Police Department incidents Statistics for October 2015 — submitted by Chief Ridenhour
- Memo re: Total petrochemicals and Refining, 105 Ontario Street, Incident type – structure fire

I. CALL TO ORDER — Chairman Jason Santi called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES — Minutes of regularly scheduled meeting of July 21, 2015. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. KELLY SECONDED BY MS. HILLGEN-SANTA TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING MINUTES. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. CONSTITUENT ISSUES — Mr. Dempsey asked about cameras. No business was furnished.

IV. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Emergency Medical Services — Mr. Loiz reported:

- Stratford “safe-place” plaque is forthcoming.
 - 12% increase in liability rate
 - The new ambulance (Mercedes engine) is scheduled to arrive on Dec. 17.
 - Registration for ATV.
 - Polaris is still out to bid.
 - EMS ordinance re: committee membership has not been acted upon.
- Questions were posed to Mr. Loiz.

B. Dispatch Report — Mr. Loiz reported:

- Overtime is at its lowest.
 - 911 project has been successfully employed.
 - Radio system integrated.
 - Stratford will provide some training to Orange Fire Dept.
- Questions were posed to Mr. Loiz.

C. Police Department — In addition to reviewing the above cited statistics report, Chief Ridenhour reported:

- Staffing is down to 104
- PAL is doing well.
- Testing body cameras

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- D. Fire Department —Fire Chief McGrath reported:
- 5 retirements are pending; will affect overtime.
 - Public Safety ladder truck is now in service.
- Questions were posed to Chief McGrath.

E. Emergency Management Director — Mr. Gottfried reported on the previously distributed document re: incident briefing. Mr. Gottfried answered committee members' questions.

V. TABLED ITEMS / OTHER INFORMATIONAL ITEMS — None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS — None.

VII. ADJOURNMENT — Hearing no other business, Chairman Santi entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. UPON A MOTION BY MR. DEMPSEY, SECONDED BY MS. HILLGEN-SANTA AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

Respectfully Submitted, Carol Cabral, Secretary