

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

March 15, 2016

The Public Safety Committee conducted a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 in the Training Room of Police Headquarters, 900 Longbrook Ave, Stratford, CT, pursuant to notice duly posted.

Committee Members in attendance: Council Members David Harden, Joseph Gresko, J. Vincent Chase; Electorate members Thomas Haggerty and James Wiltsie, Emergency Management Director and Asst. Fire Chief Jon Gottfried

Others in Attendance: EMS Director Michael Loiz, Police Chief Patrick Ridenhour, Deputy Police Chief Joe McNeil, Fire Marshal Brian Lampart, Council members Marianne Antezzo and Wali Kadeem, Residents Greg Cann and Frank Misur

Documents distributed during meeting:

- Stratford Fire Department Public Safety Report
- Fire Alarm Data
- Police Department report
- Stratford EMS Report

I. CALL TO ORDER at 6:03 p.m. Mr. Gresko motioned to appoint J. Vincent Chase as Chairman. The motion was seconded by Mr. Harden and passed unanimously. Mr. Chase then asked committee members and staff to introduce themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES — Minutes of regularly scheduled meeting of November 17, 2015. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. HARDEN SECONDED BY MR. GRESKO TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE FOREGOING MINUTES. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. CONSTITUENT ISSUES — Mr. Misur spoke of drug usage at Hyde Park area as he retrieves drug paraphernalia from the area. Mr. Harden put forward issues from 2 parks; Hyde Park and Clover Field. The Police Dept. will put a plan together. Mr. Gresko reported on existing issues at Broadbridge Park.

IV. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- A. Emergency Medical Services — Mr. Loiz reported on: Call volume, passed calls, mutual aid responses to other towns, call types, transports by hospitals, response times, volunteer hours, accomplishments/recognitions, training, vehicles and equipment, grants, recent and upcoming projects, events. Questions were posed to Mr. Loiz.
- B. Dispatch Report — Mr. Loiz reported dispatch is fully staffed. Questions were posed to Mr. Loiz.
- C. Police Department — In addition to reviewing the above cited statistics report, Chief Ridenhour reported there will be no bicycle patrols this year as no one is certified at this time. Questions were posed to Mr. Riderhour.
- D. Fire Department — In addition to reviewing the above cited statistics report, Mr. Lampart reported on the dive team. Questions were posed to Mr. Lampart.

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- E. Emergency Management Director — Mr. Gottfried reported on regional Grants writing, ISO (Insurance Service Office) classification with explanation of authority and responsibility to State of CT. Mr. Gottfried answered committee members' questions re: lock-down drills, full scale exercise, mass dispersive, shooter drills, heroine epidemic.
- V. TABLED ITEMS / OTHER INFORMATIONAL ITEMS — None.
- VI. NEW BUSINESS — Potential for increased grant opportunities and funds should a grants writer employ more time/hours to the project.
- VII. ADJOURNMENT — Hearing no other business, Mr. Chase called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. UPON A MOTION BY MR. GRESKO, SECONDED BY MR. HARDEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

Respectfully Submitted, Carol Cabral, Secretary