

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

September 20, 2016

Committee Members in attendance: Council Members J. Vincent Chase and David Harden; Electorate members Christopher Ciuci, Jennifer Hillgen-Santa, James Wiltsie, James Duffy and Emergency Management Director Jon Gottfried

Others in Attendance: Police Chief Joe McNeil, Deputy Police Chief John Popik, EMS Director Michael Loiz, Fire Chief Bob McGrath

Documents distributed during meeting:

- Stratford Police Dept. Report and stats – August 2016
- Stratford EMS/Public Safety Report and EMS/Dispatch
- 2015 Staffing and adequate Fire and Emergency response grant program info
- Flyer – Preparedness and Response field day – submitted by Mr. Gottfried

Letter on file: To: Supt of School district re: School Safety and Security Plan – submitted by Mr. Gottfried

I. CALL TO ORDER at 6:01 p.m. by Chairman J. Vincent Chase.

Waiver of Rules — Ms. Hillgen-Santa motioned to waive the rules of order to add an item to the agenda: The Staffing for Adequate Fire an Emergency Response Grant Program – a.k.a. SAFER Grant Program: The motion to add the item passed unanimously. [deferred to Line item E (1)].

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES — Minutes of regularly scheduled meeting of June 21, 2016. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. HILLGEN-SANTA, SECONDED BY MR. DUFFY TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING MINUTES. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. CONSTITUENT ISSUES — None at this time.

IV. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- A. Emergency Medical Services — The above-cited report was reviewed. Questions were posed to Mr. Loiz.
- B. Dispatch Report — The above-cited report was reviewed. Questions were posed to Mr. Loiz.
- C. Police Department — Chief McNeil reviewed the above-cited document. Questions were posed to Chief McNeil. Discussion took place re: security at the cemetery, parking tickets, tickets appeal process.
- D. Fire Department — Chief McGrath reported: the Department is fully staffed at 97 – 23 per shift. Questions were posed to Mr. McGrath.
- E. Emergency Management Director — Mr. Gottfried reported on:
 - (1) SAFER grant program — The program is administered through the Federal Emergency Management Agency and had been funded by Congress to assist local fire depts. to improve and restore staffing and emergency response deployment capabilities so that they may more effectively and safely respond to emergencies. The grant is a 2-year program with an award in the amount of

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\$935,716.00. The grant must be accepted by the Town Council. Questions were posed to Mr. Gottfried.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. DUFFY, SECONDED BY MS. HILLGEN-SANTA TO FORWARD THE SAFER GRANT WITH FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION TO THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THEIR APPROVAL. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- (2) Preparedness and Response field day region 1 Emergency Planning Team — to be conducted Monday, Sept. 26. Time: 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Sherwood Island State Park in Westport. Its purpose is to showcase how the investments of time and grant funds directly benefit the 14 towns and will feature and mutual-aid and partner resources that can assist during significant events.
- (3) Letter on file: To: Supt of School district re: School Safety and Security Plan. Re; Compliance with all the relevant state statutes affecting school safety and security, and the requisite reporting that must be completed and sent to the CT Dept. of Emergency Services and Public Protection and CT State Police Troop G. State Statutes require that each school have a team in place and each local board of education conduct a security and vulnerability assessment for each school every 2 years and develop a school safety and security plan.

Mr. Gottfried went on to say that he received no response from the Board of Education to the above-cited letter. Questions were posed to Mr. Gottfried. Discussion continued re: incident management programs and school security specialists.

V. TABLED ITEMS / OTHER INFORMATIONAL ITEMS — None

VI. NEW BUSINESS —None

VII. ADJOURNMENT — Hearing no other business, Chairman Chase entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45. UPON A MOTION MADE BY MR. HARDEN AND SECONDED BY MS. HILLGEN-SANTA, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

Respectfully Submitted, Carol Cabral, Secretary