

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

November 15, 2016

The Public Safety committee conducted a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 in the training room of Stratford Police Headquarters, 900 Longbrook Avenue, Stratford, CT pursuant to notice duly posted.

Committee Members in attendance: Council Members J. Vincent Chase, Scott Farrington-Posner as substitute for Wali Kadeem, Beth Daponte, and Gregory Cann; Electorate members Christopher Ciuci and James Duffy, Emergency management Director Jon Gottfried
Others in Attendance: Deputy Police Chief John Popik, EMS Director Michael Loiz, Fire Chief Bob McGrath

Documents distributed during meeting:

- Stratford Police Dept. Report and stats – October 2016
- Stratford EMS/Public Safety Report and EMS/Dispatch – Nov. 15, 2016
- Public Safety Committee report - submitted by Fire Dept.

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES — Minutes of regularly scheduled meeting of Oct 18, 2016. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. DAPONTE, SECONDED BY MR. FARRINGTON-POSNER TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING MINUTES WITH THE AMENDMENT TO ADD MR. FARRINGTON-POSNER'S NAME TO ATTENDANCE LIST. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY AS AMENDED.

III. CONSTITUENT ISSUES — The following issues were communicated to Public Safety officials:

- Mr. Farrington-Posner mentioned auto break-ins in the Housatonic Ave. area. An abandoned bicycle was discovered which indicated the perpetrator fled on foot. Also called to attention a smash-and-grab break-in at a restaurant in Stratford Center. He asked about foot patrol safety. Deputy Chief Popik presented information re: the auto break-ins and status of foot-patrols (a.k.a. walk and talk)
- Mr. Cann discussed traffic monitoring speed detections and one-line reports.

IV. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- A. Emergency Medical Services — The above-cited report was reviewed as to call volume, response times, passed calls, volunteer hours, new full-time supervisor, service license, vehicles, state requirements. Concerns and questions were posed to Mr. Loiz re: intercept vehicles, license, mutual aid, social media policy, response times, EMT courses (certification and recertification), state protocol roll-out.
- B. Dispatch Report — The above-cited report was reviewed. Concerns and questions were posed to Mr. Loiz re: another new nexgen 911 system and staff vacancies.
- C. Police Department — Deputy Chief Popik reviewed the above-cited document. Concerns and questions were posed re: inscriptions, recording system, train station parking. Discussion took place re: staffing level, invoice for communications, body cam testing.

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- D. Fire Department — Chief McGrath reported and reviewed the above-cited document. Questions and concerns came forth re: location of the new fire truck which will be at Oronoque, abusive sick leave/wellness program and action taken for car lock-outs.
- E. Emergency Management Director — Mr. Gottfried reviewed the Emergency preparedness drill that took place earlier in November. Town staff participated.
- V. TABLED ITEMS / OTHER INFORMATIONAL ITEMS — No tabled or informational items.
- VI. NEW BUSINESS — Chairman Chase said that a Public Safety meeting will not be conducted in December. The scheduled of meeting for 2017 will be submitted designating the third Tuesday of every month (except for closures due to holidays) as regularly scheduled meetings.
- VII. ADJOURNMENT — Hearing no other business, Chairman Chase entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. UPON A MOTION MADE BY MS. DAPONTE AND SECONDED BY MR. FARRINGTON-POSNER, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

Respectfully Submitted, Carol Cabral, Secretary