

**Public Safety, Courts & Civil Service (PSCCS)
Meeting
May 22, 2019
1:30 PM
Aurora Room**

**Council Member Allison Hiltz, Chair
Council Member Francoise Bergan, Vice Chair
Council Member Dave Gruber, Member**

Assure a safe community for people

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| 1. | Approval of April 18 th , 2019 draft Minutes | | Council Member Hiltz |
| 2. | Consent Items | (None) | |
| 3. | AFR Station 17 Update
(No Back-up, Verbal update) | Chief Gray | 15 mins |
| 4. | SE Aurora – AFR Call Volume & Response | Chief Gray | 45 mins |
| 5. | Domestic Violence | Chief Metz | 45 mins |
| 6. | Miscellaneous Matters for Consideration | | |
| 7. | Confirm Next Meeting | | Council Member Hiltz |

Next Meeting: 06/20/2019 @ 3:30pm – Aurora Room

**PUBLIC SAFETY, COURTS & CIVIL SERVICE MEETING
APRIL 18, 2019**

Members Present: Council Member Allison Hiltz, Chair
Council Member Francoise Bergan, Vice Chair

Members Absent: Council Member Dave Gruber

Others Present: J. Dewberry, E. Hill, F. Gray, R. Weber, D. Haffeman, S. Stowell, T. Pulliam, B. Good, M. Moore, J. Puscian, P. Sylvester, S. Franklin, J. Schneebeck, C. Amsler, M. Bryant, A. Garcia, J. Martinez, M. Trejo, M. Wasserburger, A. Robnett, S. Newman, N. Rodgers, I. Evans, Z. DeBoyes, P. O’Keefe, B. Wesner, S. Day, J. Heckman, J. Batchelor, C. Miller

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MARCH 21ST MEETING

Minor corrections. Not approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

CONSENT ITEMS

None.

INDEPENDENT REVIEW BOARD (IRB) UPDATE

Summary of Issue and Discussion

Council rules state that the boards and commissions under Public Safety, Courts and Civil Service must provide an annual update to the Committee. Pat Sylvester and Shari Franklin from Human Resources provided an overview of the IRB process, as well as a summary of the current activity of the board.

CM Bergan asked how many years do members serve on the board and if it was sufficient. Shari Franklin said they serve three year terms and the length was determined by the Director of Human Resources, approved by the Chief of Police and the Union.

CM Hiltz asked what information would be released now that a new state bill was passed for more transparency on internal affairs records. Deputy City Attorney Rodgers stated that if recommendations from the IRB become part of the internal affairs file, then they would be subject to release.

Pat Sylvester said since the board has been in place there were two cases in 2015, four cases in 2016, two cases in 2017, two cases in 2018 and no cases so far for 2019.

Outcome

Information only.

Follow-up Action

None.

CHANGING LIVES THROUGH LITERATURE UPDATESummary of Issue and Discussion

Presiding Judge Shawn Day gave the committee an update on the Changing Lives Through Literature program that had its first graduating class on April 17 with four graduates. Judge Day thanked all of the partners that helped with the program and stated that overall the program was a great success. All four graduates said this program was life changing for them. The next class will be in June or July.

CM Bergan asked if there was a video of the graduation. Judge Day said there wasn't one but would make the change to do so with the next graduating class.

CM Bergan asked what novels were chosen for the class and if they got to keep the books. Judge Day said there were two novels: "To Kill A Mockingbird" by Harper Lee and "Night" by Elie Wiesel as well as two short stories: "The Monkey's Paw" by W. W. Jacobs and "When the Other Dancer is the Self" by Alice Walker. The books were selected by the co-facilitators, who also gave them personalized individual lists for future reading as well as a library card and they were able to keep the books.

Deputy City Attorney Julie Heckman stated that she reached out to the individuals of the program for feedback and all of them stated they wished the class sessions and the program was longer.

Outcome

Information only.

Follow-up Action

Judge Day will inform the committee when the next class will start.

CRIME NUISANCE PROPERTIES UPDATESummary of Issue and Discussion

During the March 2019 PSCCS meeting, CM Bergan and CM Gruber wanted clarification on houses that were involved in a recent drug seizure and why those houses were not subject to the Crime Nuisance Ordinance.

Angela Garcia with the City Attorney's office gave a brief summary of how a violation of the ordinance is initiated. Deputy Chief O'Keefe explained why this process was not done for the houses in question. He stated that the federal authorities that were involved in the case asked APD to specifically not pursue that violation due to furthering their investigation. DC O'Keefe stated that because the ordinance is very general in nature, it could unintentionally impact the wrong individuals. He said discussions are being had with Narcotics and Patrol on how to develop a process to determine which houses are in violation.

CM Bergan asked if a fine is still given to individuals who are found growing more than the legal amount of marijuana plants but not enough to initiate the ordinance violation. DCA Heckman said yes there is still a fine. CM Bergan asked what triggers a home to be re-inspected after being found in violation. Ms. Garcia said it can be part of the sentence from the judge to have tri-county inspect the home before the home can be habitable, however it is not a mandatory re-inspection. CM Bergan stressed her concern that the reason for the re-inspection was to address any health and safety issues for the next tenant. Ms. Garcia

stated that agreements can be made before a case goes to court where the homeowner agrees to inspections for a year.

CM Bergan asked if the homes that were recently raided were subject to this ordinance. DC O'Keefe stated they would not be because they were not given a notice. DCA Heckman said that if APD has probable cause they do not need the right to re-inspect.

Outcome

Information only.

Follow-up Action

None.

DISTRICT 3 CRIME STAT OVERVIEW

Summary of Issue and Discussion

During the March 2019 PSCCS meeting CM Bergan asked if there was any progress on recently identified series of property crimes in District 3.

Division Chief Ernie Ortiz presented to the committee data that was pulled on crimes in District 3 from February 2018 to April 2019. He stated that based off of the information there were no significant crimes or patterns. He stated there were a few burglaries of businesses, however the suspects were identified and detectives are working on pressing charges. Data shows that most of the larceny and thefts that have been reported in District 3 could have been preventable. Cars are left unlocked, garage doors are being left open. DC Ortiz said overall the crime rate has decreased. Sex Assaults are down 26.9 percent; Aggravated Assaults increased by 5.6 percent; Robberies decreased 10 percent; Burglaries decreased by 24.8 percent; Auto Thefts decreased by 26.1 percent; and Larceny and Theft is down 13.1 percent.

CM Bergan asked for clarification on the auto theft percentage because she felt that according to social media that number would have increased. DC Ortiz explained that when it comes to social media residents may be reporting the same information over and over again which would make it seem it is happening more than it is. One of the downsides of social media is individuals will report it on the network, however won't call the police. CM Bergan asked who is committing most of these crimes. DC Ortiz said drug addicts are usually the culprits and that these crimes are usually related to other crimes they have committed.

CM Bergan asked if there is enough coverage in District 3. DC Ortiz said that staffing will always be a concern and more officers would always be beneficial, however there are currently only two or three vacancies at the moment.

Outcome

Information only.

Follow-up Action

None.

AFR MEDICAL DIRECTOR UPDATESummary of Issue and Discussion

Aurora Fire Rescue is responsible for providing emergency medical services for the community. Per state law, providing these services requires a physician to fill the role of medical director. A presentation was given to the committee to provide background information about the department's medical director services, the associated structure, current department goals, and the next steps that can be taken to enhance service to the community.

Chief Gray introduced the department's Medical Director Dr. Eric Hill to the committee. Dr. Hill comes from a paramedic background. He is currently an Emergency Room doctor at The Medical Center of Aurora and is also a Major in the United States Army. He is responsible for putting together protocols and procedures for all of AFR's paramedics, and although he is the department's Medical Director he partners with surrounding hospitals and is Chair of the Prehospital Care Consortium.

Dr. Hill presented to the committee information on his background and his day-to-day activities with the department. His goal is to make the department the best EMS provider in the State. He provided information on the latest developments within the department with the purchase of new cardiac monitors, the implementation of video laryngoscopy, an overhaul and new format for the Aurora system medical treatment protocols and education outreach partnerships.

Chief Gray went over the next steps the department needs to take to bring EMS to the next level. Those being to increase the hour commitment for Dr. Hill (he is currently compensated for only 10 hours a month) to invest in Quality Assurance/Improvement Software and a new Records Management System, to enhance the department's continuing education, and to expand the Community Health department.

CM Bergan asked if there are different protocols for each hospital. Dr. Hill said that because of the Consortium all of the hospitals work off of the same protocols.

CM Bergan asked if IT was aware of the technology needs. Deputy City Manager Jason Batchelor stated that IT is aware and is working closely with the department to try and rectify their needs. Both departments are aware that it will be a challenge but research is being done with all the appropriate users.

CM Hiltz supports the need to compensate accordingly to actual time committed to the job. She asked Dr. Hill how difficult is it to implement the QI/QA process. Dr. Hill stated he approaches it from a mentor standpoint, and because of his background, he can relate to most situations. His goal with the QA/QI process is to not make the same mistake twice, and by approaching it from an educational standpoint and building a rapport with the crews, he has not seen repeated mistakes.

CM Bergan asked how Dr. Hill manages his time, and if what he is doing is efficient. Dr. Hill said additional hours would be beneficial by allowing him to cut back on other professional responsibilities.

CM Hiltz asked what was being done to ensure that Falck Ambulance is on the same page with AFR. Dr. Hill stated that Falck is involved in meetings with AFR and the crews train together on a regular basis.

Outcome

Information only.

Follow-up

None.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

None.

NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

- Domestic Violence
- Southeast Aurora Response Overview

This meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

The next meeting is May 22, 2019 in the Aurora Room at 1:30pm

APPROVED: _____
Allison Hiltz, Chair



Public Safety, Courts and Civil Service Policy Committee Agenda Item Commentary

Item Title: SOUTHEAST AURORA FIRE RESCUE RESPONSE
Item Initiator: Clare Miller
Staff Source: Stephen McInerny - Deputy Chief of Operations
Deputy City Manager Signature:
Outside Speaker:
Council Goal: 1.0: Assure a safe community for people--2012: 1.0--Assure a safe community for people.

ACTIONS(S) PROPOSED *(Check all appropriate actions)*

- Approve Item and Move Forward to Study Session
- Approve Item and Move Forward to Regular Meeting
- Information Only

HISTORY *(Dates reviewed by City council, Policy Committees, Boards and Commissions, or Staff. Summarize pertinent comments. ATTACH MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS, POLICY COMMITTEES AND BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.)*

At the February 2019 PSCCS meeting, the Public Safety, Courts and Civil Service Committee requested information related to Fire Rescue response within the southeast quadrant of Aurora.

ITEM SUMMARY *(Brief description of item, discussion, key points, recommendations, etc.)*

A presentation will be given to the committee that will include demographics/population density metrics, response time data and recommendations to improve the level of service for residents and businesses in the area.

QUESTIONS FOR Committee

EXHIBITS ATTACHED:

Memo to PSC-SE Aurora Resources



Memorandum

Aurora Fire Rescue

To: Public Safety, Courts & Civil Service Committee Meeting
From: Fernando Gray, Fire Chief
Through: Jason Batchelor, Deputy City Manager
Date: May 13, 2019
Subject: **Fire-Rescue Resources – Southeast Quadrant of Aurora**

The Public Safety, Courts and Civil Service Committee has requested that the Fire-Rescue Department provide a presentation related to the resources available within the southeast quadrant (Ward VI) of the City of Aurora. There are two (2) Fire Stations located in the area of the City with a total of eight (8) personnel minimum assigned daily:

- **Fire Station 13** was established/opened in the year 2000 and is located at 23911 East Arapahoe Road and has an Engine Company attached to the facility with a minimum of four (4) personnel on duty at all times.
- **Fire Station 14** was established/opened in 2003 but not staffed until 2006 and is located at 22298 East Aurora Parkway and houses Ladder Truck 14 with a minimum of four (4) personnel on duty at all times.

The presentation will include demographics/population density metrics, response time data and recommendations to improve the level of service for residents and businesses in the area. The presentation will be provided at the May 22nd meeting.

CC: James Twombly, City Manager



Public Safety, Courts and Civil Service Policy Committee Agenda Item Commentary

Item Title: UPDATE ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE STATISTICS AND RESOURCES
Item Initiator: Vanessa Wilson
Staff Source: Division Chief Vanessa Wilson
Deputy City Manager Signature:
Outside Speaker:
Council Goal: 1.0: Assure a safe community for people--2012: 1.0--Assure a safe community for people.

ACTIONS(S) PROPOSED *(Check all appropriate actions)*

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- Approve Item and Move Forward to Regular Meeting
- Information Only

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During an earlier committee session, a member asked for an update on the current state of domestic violence in the city. This presentation aims to provide that update.

ITEM SUMMARY *(Brief description of item, discussion, key points, recommendations, etc.)*

This informational presentation will provide the committee with an update regarding current domestic violence calls for service in the city, resources available within the department as well as supported by the department, and information related to the municipal judicial process associated with domestic violence cases.

QUESTIONS FOR Committee

EXHIBITS ATTACHED:

Domestic Violence Presentation

We will discuss Domestic Violence in Aurora, impacts to the community, and the challenges/solutions we are currently facing.

- Legal definitions:

Domestic Violence means an act or threatened act of violence upon a person with whom the actor is or has been involved in an intimate relationship.

Includes any other crime against a person, or against property, including an animal, or any municipal ordinance violation against a person, or against property, including an animal, **when used as a method of coercion, control, punishment, intimidation, or revenge** directed against a person with whom the actor is or has been involved in an intimate relationship. (CRS 18-6-800.3)

- Over the last 5 years, the Municipal Court has filed an average of **1,600** Domestic Violence related cases per year.
- Presentation will include:
 - ✓ Overview of APD's response to DV related incidents from initial call for service through Victim Advocate and District Detectives roles and responsibilities.
 - ✓ Describe the role of Gateway Court Advocates
 - ✓ Domestic Violence Fast Track System Aurora Municipal Court
 - ✓ City Attorney's Office Process
 - ✓ Challenges/Unique Issues in Prosecuting DV Cases