

EMERGENCY SERVICES

May 5, 2016

MEMBERS

Alderman Burtle
Alderman Moore
Alderman Heberling
Alderman Walters
Mayor Brotherton

ALSO PRESENT

Police Chief Herpstreith
Fire Chief Crews
Assistant Fire Chief Goodall
Alderman Budd
Alderman Vota
Alderman Dorchinecz
Treasurer Nation
Shirley Sams

Dick Reber
Marylee Raser

Chairman Burtle called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Calls for Service-1,477
- Total Arrestees-60
- Traffic Citations-150 traffic stops, with 71 traffic citations issued
- Continuing traffic details in problem areas as well as school traffic patrols
- Numerous Drug Cases
- Retail Theft-Walmart-Police Chief Herpstreith commended Walmart for having excellent loss prevention
- Female Runaway-located in Pennsylvania-case is ongoing

Police Chief Herpstreith advised the Macon County Sheriff's Office is in the process of doing a feasibility study for a seven county Dispatch Center. He will provide more information later; it is still in the preliminary stages.

NEW RESPONSE POLICY

Fire Chief Crews reported they have a new response policy which is already in place as the Department is receiving more calls and at identical times. He was asked if the Department is staying local; the Department covers the entire Fire Protection District and assists with mutual aid. Chief Crews advised they are responding to more calls as some of the other smaller communities don't have the manpower. He explained there was an electrical fire recently at a home on Lakeshore Drive; Owaneco and Stonington are automatically called to respond, Owaneco responded but Stonington did not due to lack of help. The Committee asked if Volunteer Firefighters still respond; they do but the Volunteers aren't sent to the Academy for training like the Firefighters so are limited as to what they can do during a response. He presented the Committee with the following outline:

- Squad 1 is to be utilized on all medical calls, or calls it would normally respond to.
- This includes a three (3) man shift.
- During a three man shift, have at a minimum, one paramedic on the squad and one on the engine.
If there is only one paramedic on shift, he is to respond on the squad.
- Squad 1 and Engine 1 are to respond to motor vehicle crashes
- Engine 1 should respond to mutual aid auto extrication
- Truck 1 is the second response unit on all structure fires within the City, with one exception
Tanker 1 will respond to a structure fire at the mobile home parks.
- Engine 3 is to be used for all mutual aid fires that require an engine response
- Tanker 1 and Squad 2 are to be used for grass/brush fires

Chairman Burtle asked the Chief to keep the Committee informed of how the new response policy works out.

RADIO LEASE UPDATE

The Department is going from analog to digital with their radios; three years ago they went with Motorola radios. They are very good radios, built very rugged, and are water proof; everyone likes them. They were purchased with a grant and at that time digital was not available. When the radios were purchased they didn't have the card to upgrade to digital; he's received a quote of \$6,248.00 to upgrade which would be cheaper than buying new. Chief Crews stated this is just an update on the radio situation at this time. The radio purchase is included in the budget.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Total Calls-123
- Training Hours-313, included Search and Rescue, Laddering, Hose Advancement, Self-Rescue, Vent Enter Search, Ventilation, Forcible Entry and Building Construction.
- Training at the Taylorville Memorial Hospital dormitory went very well it was a great opportunity good exposure. Media day went very well and was covered by the press.
- Received two Sonars originally was going to purchase one Helix 12 but salesman offered two Helix 10's for the price of one Helix 12. Brought one to the Committee to view and advised they can clearly pick up a body and vehicle.
- Severe Weather Presentations to: Optimist Club/Hickory Estates/Gowin Parc
- FY 15/16 Budget (used only 76% of operational expenditures)
- The new Firefighters are doing great, he is very pleased as they have blended well with the Department
- Captain Adermann prepared a report on the condition of the hoses and a report of Public Education Activities.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Captain Adermann prepared a report of the condition of the hoses. The oldest hose was 44 years old which failed. The cost to replace the hoses will be \$6,594.00, Chairman Burtle asked if all the replacement hoses need replaced at once. He advised they did not; his biggest concern is the 5" hose. Mayor Brotherton advised there was still time to adjust the budget; the Committee asked if Foreign Fire or Protection District would be able to help. Chief Crews advised he has meetings coming up with both soon Chairman Burtle asked him to make this an agenda item for next month.

Alderman Dorchinecz congratulated Fire Chief Crews for being awarded the Emergency Coordinator of the Year by the Illinois Emergency Services Management Association.

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Moore to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 P.M.

Shawn Burtle, Chairman
Emergency Services Committee