

EMERGENCY SERVICES
FEBRUARY 6, 2014

MEMBERS

Chairman Burtle
Alderman Jones
Alderman Heberling
Alderman Koonce
Mayor Brotherton

ALSO PRESENT

Police Chief Herpstreith
Fire Chief Crews
Alderman Walters
Alderman Budd
Assistant Fire Chief Goodall
Shirley Sams

Chairman Burtle called the meeting to order at 8:14 P.M.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Total Calls for January-141 Firefighter Injuries January-2
- In January the Department installed five car seats, taught CPR to 13 people, installed smoke alarms and changed detector batteries. There will be a blood drive at the end of February or first of March.
- Commended the Firefighters and Firefighter Cody Rodgers who coordinated the Christmas for Kids program this year. They were able to help three hundred children this year. Job well done!
- The Department had another successful resuscitation; the individual had expired but was resuscitated.
- Training: Communications Lego Drill
Annual CPR/BBP
Haz Mat ID machine
Bob Page 12 Lead EKG
- The TFD responded to three fires during the storm timeframe. Frigid temperatures and road conditions hampered the response. There was a problem with frozen hose lines/pumps; mutual aid departments unable to open valves and move water between the apparatus. Assistant Fire Chief Goodall was asked if there was equipment to prevent the water from freezing, there is a metal plate with heat that can be installed but these are only used in states with extreme cold temperatures and we would not normally have the temperatures we have had this year.
- The Department responded to Watson Foods who had a sprinkler line burst. There was only one person working at the time; the firefighters assisted in moving materials in the storage room to prohibit extra water damage.
- The Taylorville Fire Protection District purchased \$16,000.00 of underwater communications equipment for the dive team. Assistant Fire Chief Goodall began training for the Department on February 4, with out of water drills; they will begin underwater drills at the YMCA. The Fire Department will help them with fixing problems with the pool in exchange for allowing the Department to use the pool for training. There is enough equipment for four divers.
- The maintenance cost savings from Firefighter Wamsley this month totaled \$505.00.
- Chief Crews, Assistant Fire Chief Goodall, Captain Adermann and Firefighters Kyle Ramadka, Kyle Renfrow, Matt Peters, Matthew Phillips attended a seminar on defibrillator at Memorial Hospital; advised the first five minutes of a heart attack are the most crucial after five minutes chance of survival drops to 50%.

Chief Crews advised with the 12 lead EKG they are able via Bluetooth to send the EKG to Memorial in 90 seconds, this allows the Department to take the patient straight to Memorial Hospital's Cath Lab.

Fire Chief Crews advised there were several alarms through 911 at the same time placing all resources into service at the same time, which resulted with callback overtime.

EVIDENCE SOFTWARE AND REPLACEMENT COMPUTER AND PERIPHERALS

The current computer utilized in TPD Evidence is a very old machine and is running the Windows XP OS. This computer is being backed up to our in-house server. When Chief Herpstreith checked into updating the computer it was discovered the original software (PRIMS) is not compatible with Windows 7 or 8, and the original company was bought out by ERIN Technology. As of April 2014, Microsoft will discontinue support for Windows XP. The Evidence Tech advised they liked the new software, and agreed having the old data migrated to the new system with barcode capability would streamline operations. He also stated evidence handling, storage and preparation are a critical component to the successful prosecution of criminal cases.

Motion by Alderman Koonce seconded by Alderman Jones to recommend to the City Council to allow Police Chief Herpstreith to purchase evidence software and peripherals from Erin Technology and computer and barcode label printer locally if possible at an amount not to exceed \$5,500.00. Motion carried 4-0.

STREET LIGHTS

Alderman Burtle advised a resident had presented him with a list of 15-20 street lights that were out around town. He asked Police Chief Herpstreith and Fire Chief Crews to ask their departments to try to keep an eye out and report any street lights that were out to Superintendent Wiseman who will then contact Ameren. Superintendent Wiseman had advised him the City still pays twenty dollars a month per light regardless if it is on or off.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT

- Calls for Service for the month of January-1,491
- Total Cases-80
- Traffic Citations-46
- Working on Armed Robbery Investigations
- Has had approximately 200 applications for concealed carry in which he has to do background checks, he has a 30 day time frame to file an objection.

The Committee reviewed a worksheet of duties the department has been working on that requires a lot of manpower, for example, they assisted with 76 motorists, 43 traffic crashes, 65 lockouts (vehicles/homes) and 29 Child Exchange/Custody. He explained it takes an officer approximately 1 hour for a child exchange and approximately 1 to 1 ½ hours for each background check for the concealed weapon applications

ANY OTHER MATTERS

The Police Department is working with several other entities to create a Major Crimes Task Force.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

Shawn Burtle, Chairman
Emergency Services Committee

