



LEE'S SUMMIT PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING ACTION LETTER

CITY OF LEE'S SUMMIT, MISSOURI



DATE	9/21/2021		TIME	3:00 PM	PLACE	Strother Conference Room
Board Members	Present	Absent	Staff Present		Other Guests	
Bruce Trammell			Jim Eden, LSFD		Dale Coy, Citizen	
James Pryde	x		Mike Snider, LSFD			
Kenneth Davis	x		Chief Forbes, LSPD			
Jennifer Nussbeck	x					
Fred Pickard						
Neil Ullery	x					
Fred Delibero	x					
Bill Morrow						
Ken Carter	x					
Fred DeMoro, City Council Liaison	x					
AGENDA ITEM		DISCUSSION (Findings/Conclusions)			RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTIONS	
OLD BUSINESS						
NEW BUSINESS						
<p>Fire Department gave their staffing update. New academy class (21-04) starts September 27th. They will be full staff for about a week and a half until a retirement on October 11th, which will then result in several promotions and subsequent vacancies. Goal is to fill all vacancies by January 8th.</p> <p>They are reviewing elevations for stations 4 and 5.</p> <p>They are moving an ambulance from station 7 to station 3</p> <p>Station aerial ladder was ordered on August 31st. Anticipated delivery 1st quarter of 2023</p> <p>Accreditation site visit is scheduled for 10/17, hearing tentatively set for 12/15 (for a 5-year extension)</p> <p>Call volume: August calls were 1,020, EMS calls are up. This is the 2nd month over 1,000. This is probably a trend that will continue. At this pace, they will handle 11k-12k this year.</p>						

Police Department gave their staffing update. Dispatch is struggling with numbers. The CWA (Communication Workers of America) was negotiating with the City on their behalf. They did not reach an agreement. Chief Forbes indicated the department is working with HR to establish a step program, much like the FD dispatchers who are represented by the IAFF union to make the two sets of dispatchers more in -line with each other for compensation.

Several promotions took place in September, resulting in 3 Sergeant vacancies.

The PD will assist Independence on Friday to cover patrol shifts in their city during Officer Madrid-Evan's funeral.

Oktoberfest this weekend, parade permits are coming back in. Homecoming is coming up with all 3 high schools having parades. The VFW has also submitted a parade permit for Veterans' Day

Chief Forbes mentioned the fleet needs of the department and indicated they will likely ask for an expansion next FY due to increase in need.

Crime issue: catalytic converter thefts. Chief mentioned that Kansas passed a state law making it more difficult to sell stolen catalytic converters in their state. Perhaps Missouri can follow? There are not a lot of regulations, most are not marked in any way, making them an easy, profitable theft. Since it's a property crime, the sentence isn't severe and the metals used inside them are valuable.

Public Works (Mike Anderson filling in for Michael Park) - they are also struggling with staffing issues. Snow removal, etc. Operations is consistently 6-7 short. They are trying to get geared up for the winter and rely heavily on volunteers. They are down 1 engineer as well as inspectors.

PATRON COMMENT REVIEW

MONTHLY CALENDARS

STAFF ROUNDTABLE

There was a lot of discussion regarding catalytic converter thefts and whether or not there is or was a City Ordinance regulating the sale of these items. Is there something we can do in LS to restrict the sale of stolen catalytic converters? Chief Forbes is going to do some research regarding these regulations and the law that Kansas passed. He believes it will have to be something at the State level for it to have an impact.

A citizen has asked about the intersection at Douglas and 5th (same as Green). It used to be a 4-way stop. Can we change it back? Mike with PW indicated that it's based on National Standard of traffic volumes. He will verify with the traffic unit that those interactions don't meet the standard for 4-way stops.

Mr. DeMore indicated that a lot of people may not be aware, but there is a first reading of an ordinance that will restrict the parking of boats.

BOARD ROUNDTABLE

Mr. Carter said his thought are with the Independence PD officer (Madrid-Evans) recently killed in the line of duty. And the Springfield officer who received his kidney via transplant.

Ms. Nussbeck wanted to thank the Fire Department for their response and handling of a recent call in Summit Crossing. Her friend who lives in Summit Crossing was unresponsive with no pulse. the Firefighters and EMTs who responded were so kind. The family is still talking about the interraction and asked her to thank them.

OTHER ITEMS TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD

Dale Coy, citizen, came before the Board to discuss peddlars/solicitors. He indicated that the other night, on a weekday, around 5 o'clock, 2 guys rang his doorbell. They were offering free roof inspections. Mr. Coy asked them about a permit and they responded that since they weren't selling anything, the solicitor/peddler permit restrictions don't apply to them. He did not want to call 9-1-1 since it wasn't an emergency. He called the non-emergency number, listened to the robo-menu and selected dispatch, which is at the end of the list. He's hoping there's a better way.

Chief Forbes urged him to call. The PD will respond and will ticket. He did not agree with their assessment of not being solicitors.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned @ 3:46pm