

Public Safety Committee Meeting

Date: April 20, 2016

Attendance: Toby Nixon, Penny Sweet, Dave Asher, Marilynne Beard, Kurt Triplett, Bill Hamilton, George Dugdale, Joe Sanford, Michael Olson, Pattijean Hooper

Agenda Item:	Action Items:
<p>1. Topic: Fire Department 2015 Annual Report</p> <p>Notes: Chief Sanford distributed a draft of the 2015 Annual Fire Department report that is required by the State. He pointed out additions to the report including more detail on response times and the addition of a water rescue section. The committee focused on turnout time and how the department is working to improve that. Chief Sanford noted that most departments across the country are unable to meet the 60 second goal. There are many variables in play including time of day and whether the firefighters are engaged in training or other activities when a call comes in. The department will check with other departments that have better turnout times to see if there are best practices that could be adopted by Kirkland.</p> <p>The committee also discussed the outcomes of calls where the target response time is not met. Again, many variables impact the outcome of a call for service such as how long a person had been unconscious before the 911 call was made. The department will bring back more information on outcomes.</p> <p>Chief Sanford asked the committee members to review the report and contact him with any questions or edits. He would like to submit the report by mid-May. The committee also discussed how to make more people aware of and accessing the report.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide additional information on best practices to reduce turnout time• Provide additional information about outcomes of calls• Provide a PDF version of the report to the committee members

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<p>2. Topic: WPS Emergency Telecommunications Access</p> <p>Notes: Emergency Operations Manager Pattijean Hooper described the GETS and WPS systems that enable public agencies to gain priority access to telephone service during an emergency. GETS (Government Emergency Telecommunications System) is available to all public employees and employees needing access have a GETS card with instructions. WPS (Wireless Priority System) allows access to a dedicated wireless service when public systems are overwhelmed and unavailable. OEM is providing WPS service to directors and some police and fire staff as well as the City Council. There is a one-time set-up fee of \$14.98 and a monthly fee of \$5.00. The OEM budget will reimburse individuals. Finance is working out the details of how the reimbursement will occur.</p> <p>Pattijean also described a new system called "Code Red" that allows the City to notify employees of an emergency and provide instructions about where and whether to report for duty. Employees can choose how they want to be notified (e.g. cell phone, email, home phone). This system is superior to the existing one called "My State" which required employees' personal information to be registered in their system.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff to provide Council with WPS cards and instructions once reimbursement procedures are finalized
<p>3. Office of Emergency Management Update</p> <p>Notes: Pattijean Hooper provided an update on the upcoming Cascadia Rising exercise. Most of the information about the exercise will be released in May through a series of weekly emails. All staff and Council will have an opportunity to experience a two-hour shift in the Emergency Operations Center.</p>	

<p>4. Station 25 Renovation Update Notes: Marilynne Beard and Chief Sanford provided an update on the process and timing for the renovation of Station 25. The Chief has assembled a committee that includes the station Captain to work with the Project Engineer (Public Works) and the architect on the design of the project.</p>	
<p>5. Overlapping Response Area Update Notes: Chief Sanford provided maps depicting response times in three different station scenarios and the impact of overlapping responses. The committee asked for more information on the maximum response times in areas currently not within the target response times. They also asked whether the department had ever considered requiring fire sprinklers and AED's in hard-to-access areas.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff will provide more information on maximum response times
<p>6. NORCOM Presentation Notes: Councilmember Sweet had attended the NORCOM Principal's assembly where they showed a video of a 911 call that she believed would be informative for the City Council to see. She suggested that NORCOM provide a presentation to the full Council and the other committee members agreed.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff will schedule a NORCOM presentation for the City Council
<p>7. Upcoming Topics Notes: The committee asked for more information about the Fire Department's ability to provide fire prevention education to schools. This used to be provided by a volunteer who retired. They asked about the possibility of the Fire Corps helping out with it.</p> <p>May Agenda will include an updated Fire Dashboard (Councilmember Asher asked for a one-on-one briefing) and an update of the progress of the Police Strategic Plan.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff will investigate possible resources for providing fire prevention education • Chief Sanford will schedule a briefing for Councilmember Asher
<p>Future Agenda Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire Strategic Plan Update (ongoing) • Prevention Based Efforts in Public Safety • Residential Fire Sprinkler Process (referred to full Council) 	

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Crisis Intervention Training and Diversion• Public Safety Performance Measures• North Fire Station Siting• King County CMT Program Report• What policies and training do Police officers have to deal with cultural and language differences (post-Alabama)?• Continuity of Government plan• Regional Fire Authority feasibility• Dashboard review• Road barrier removal/replacement on Finn Hill | |
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