

**REDMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY**

Council Conference Room
15670 NE 85th Street, Redmond, Washington

Tuesday, January 19, 2016

Council

Hank Myers, Chair
John Stilin, Member
David Carson, Member
Hank Margeson (*Attending Council Member*)
Byron Shutz (*Attending Council Member*)
Kim Allen (*Attending Council Member*)
Angela Birney (*Attending Council Member*)

Staff

Ron Gibson, Police Chief
Charlie Gorman, Police Commander
Tommy Smith, Fire Chief
Rich Brown, Deputy Fire Chief
Todd Short, Fire Marshal
Shari Francois, Police Commander
Cheryl Xanthos, Deputy City Clerk

Convened: 4:30 p.m.

Adjourned 5:21 p.m.

Committee Chair Hank Myers opened the meeting, reviewed the agenda items, and noted Council members in attendance.

Interlocal Agreement for North Sound Metro SWAT

Mr. Ron Gibson, Police Chief, stated that the agreement is in the process of being reviewed by the City Attorney. The City will be joining a multi-jurisdictional SWAT team, and will provide training for Redmond Police Officers. The meeting with the Chiefs is in late February 2016. This item will be going to the full Council for approval in March 2016.

General discussion ensued regarding cities not included in the agreement and response time.

Update Concerning King County Investigative Response Team

Mr. Ron Gibson, Police Chief, stated that this group was formed a couple of years ago to investigate officer-involved shootings, and is now being disbanded. The City Attorney is being consulted regarding the steps for dissolving the Interlocal Agreement.

General discussion ensued regarding oversight of officer-involved shootings and prosecutions.

Confidence Test Report Management

Mr. Todd Short, Fire Marshal, stated that fire protection systems in buildings are required to be maintained through inspection testing and maintenance. Programs have recently come up to help jurisdictions handle the process. The City has not had a database system to track when a system needs to be tested. A couple of new software solutions now can track when systems need to be

tested and send out notices. Fire Marshals in the region are looking to implement similar systems to increase efficiencies. The RFP process will be followed to make a recommendation.

General discussion ensued regarding contract bidding; requirements for filing reports; accessibility of the cloud-based software solution; changes to testing requirements; verification of maintenance; and the City's liability.

Medical Director Agreement Renewal

Mr. Tommy Smith, Fire Chief, stated that the Medical Director Agreement needs to be renewed, and will include a slight increase. More components are being added to the contract including a skills evaluation.

General discussion ensued regarding the cost of the increase.

Red Card Certification for Redmond Fire Department

Mr. Rich Brown, Deputy Fire Chief, stated that Chief Smith asked that the entire Fire Department become Red Card Certified. Red Card Certification is skills, tactics and gear related to wildland firefighting. This will enable the Fire Department to help in Redmond and to be deployable on a national level.

General discussion ensued regarding fiscal impact; type of gear; and skills training.

Success of Internal Recruit Academy

Mr. Rich Brown, Deputy Fire Chief, provided an update on the internal Recruit Academy:

- loss through retirements;
- training division provided an internal academy;
- training took eight weeks;
- monthly evaluations are positive; and
- more trainings will occur with new recruits.

General discussion ensued regarding a pool of firefighters to limit overtime and Fire Department specific tactics.

Renewal of Promotional Testing Contract

Mr. Rich Brown, Deputy Fire Chief, stated that the initial contract was approved in 2014. There is a need for new lists due to promotions. There are four Captain positions currently open. Prior to 2014, promotional testing was provided in-house. That caused a lot of overtime and appeals during the process. A national firm provides the appearance of a more fair and unbiased testing process.

Police Chief Succession Plan and Timetable

Mr. Ron Gibson, Police Chief, stated that the Mayor will announce that he would like to appoint Kristi Wilson as the new Police Chief, pending approval of the Council. Chief Gibson's last day is April 7, 2016.

Rape Kit Processing and Victim Support

Ms. Shari Francois, Police Commander, stated that prior to HB1068 that passed in July 2015, the rape kit was optional. The bill requires the tests if the victim is cooperative. There is a prioritization for the test processing. The state lab has to hire more people due to the increase in testing.

General discussion ensued regarding cost of the testing and community safety.

Gun Safety Training - Potential Impact on Gun Deaths and Injuries

Mr. Ron Gibson, Police Chief, stated that the Police department provides locks for guns, but does not provide gun training to civilians. Private companies do provide training. The City might have liability if they provided the training.

General discussion ensued regarding safety videos; deaths caused by lack of training; providing training information to citizens; and the gun range in Redmond.

Deputy Chief Candidates *(this item was added at the end of the meeting)*

Mr. Tommy Smith, Fire Chief, stated that he selected a Deputy Chief today who will be joining the City on February 8, 2016.