

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

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

Tuesday, February 16, 2016

Council

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

Staff

Ron Gibson, Police Chief
Charlie Gorman, Police Commander
Shari Francois, Police Commander
Rich Brown, Deputy Fire Chief
Douglas Krueger, Police Lieutenant
Cheryl Xanthos, Deputy City Clerk

Convened: 4:30 p.m.

Adjourned 5:20 p.m.

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

Finalize 2016 - 2017 Work Plan

General discussion ensued regarding items to add; two-year work plans; and approval of the work plan.

Performance Report Framework - Public Safety Committee Expectations

Mr. Rich Brown, Deputy Fire Chief, inquired regarding the specific monthly reporting wanted by the committee.

General discussion ensued regarding quarterly reports; trends; tracking compliance with national standards; deployment of Fire and EMS response; consistent framework in reporting; monthly overtime tracking; and a quarterly one-sheet report.

Fire Strategic Plan Update

Deputy Chief Brown stated that a consultant was hired to help create the Fire Strategic Plan; the documents created were not up to standard or scope; pay for the consultant is under negotiation; and will be finished in-house.

General discussion ensued regarding hiring of the consultant.

Promotions for Leadership Positions

Deputy Chief Brown provided an update on promotions in the Fire Department:

- Fire Chief Tommy Smith hired a new Deputy Fire Chief to fill Deputy Chief Brown's position.
- The new Deputy Fire Chief started last Monday.
- There will be five promotional tests in the first three weeks of March.

General discussion ensued regarding number of vacancies and make-up tests.

Introduce New Deputy Fire Chief

Deputy Chief Brown stated that the new Deputy Fire Chief was originally going to be introduced at this meeting but is currently out of town.

Overview Report on 2015 Traffic Fatalities

Mr. Ron Gibson, Police Chief, stated that there were three vehicle/pedestrian fatalities and one driver fatality in 2015.

Mr. Douglas Krueger, Police Lieutenant, provided an overview of the fatalities:

- The first vehicle/pedestrian accident involved a small child and occurred at the Redmond Town Center. The prosecutor declined to prosecute the driver.
- The second vehicle/pedestrian accident involved a woman in her 60's and occurred on a very rainy, windy and dark evening at 79th and 166th. The driver didn't see the pedestrian in time to stop.
- The third vehicle/pedestrian accident involved an 87 year-old male and occurred at NE 80th and 133rd.
- The vehicle driver fatality occurred at the end of SR520. A high rate of speed vehicle coming off the off-ramp hit a stopped car from behind who then ended up in the side of a building. The road was closed for a long period of time for the investigation.

General discussion ensued throughout regarding signage; LED lights; focused enforcement; utilizing the PIO to raise awareness during the dark and rainy months; working with schools; and Safety Patrols.

Bike Patrol Efforts

Mr. Charlie Gorman, Police Commander, provided a report on the bike patrol efforts:

- staffed by the two Neighborhood Resource Officers;
- focuses on contact with homeless individuals on the streets;
- Officers will be able to get to areas that can't be reached by cars;
- easier and quieter to approach people.
- the City is in the process of acquiring necessary equipment;
- Officers will go through a certification course; and
- will be in service in the end of April.

General discussion ensued regarding safety of the Officers.

Update on 2014 Homicide Case

Ms. Shari Francois, Police Commander, provided an update on the 2014 homicide:

- occurred on July 18, 2014;
- both suspect and victim were from Redmond;
- suspect was part of a homeless group;
- suspect was upset regarding a text and decided he would stab the next person he sees;
- a fight broke out at Soul Food Books;
- Police were called by a bystander;
- 17 year-old victim was staying with the homeless population;
- victim had a stab wound to the chest;
- suspect was arrested and pled guilty to second-degree murder; and
- the sentencing will be on Friday.

General discussion ensued regarding Redmond residency and follow-up work in the area.