

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

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

Tuesday, March 15, 2016

Council

Byron Shutz, Chair
Kim Allen, Member *(not in attendance)*
David Carson, Member
Angela Birney *(Attending Council Member)*
John Stilin *(Attending Council Member)*
Hank Myers *(Attending Council Member)*
Hank Margeson *(Attending Council Member)*

Staff

Ron Gibson, Police Chief
Charlie Gorman, Police Commander
Tim Gately, Police Commander
Mike Hilley, Battalion Chief
Tommy Smith, Fire Chief
Don Horton, Deputy Fire Chief
Kristi Wilson, Assistant Police Chief
Allison Gordon, Administrative Specialist

Convened: 4:30 p.m.

Adjourned 5:20 p.m.

Committee Chair Byron Shutz called the meeting to order, reviewed attendance, and overviewed the agenda.

Burglar Alarm Response Protocols *(this item was reordered at the beginning of the meeting)*

Mr. Ron Gibson, Police Chief, stated that the false alarm ordinance was repealed last year. It was replaced by a Police Department Policy.

Mr. Tim Gately, Police Commander, stated that:

- 99 percent of alarms police respond to in Redmond are false.
- In the last twelve months, only six alarms have been real alarms.
- Training is provided to try to reduce false alarms, but it has not helped.
- The Police Department can deny an alarm response if there have been a lot of false activations.
- A true/verified response policy is that the Police will always respond to a human-activated alarm.
- The Police Department wants to change their policy so they are only responding to a non-human activated alarm when there is sound, video or eyewitness accounts indicating a possible crime.

General discussion ensued regarding providing a staff report.

Recognition for Paramedic Jim Whitney

Mr. Mike Hilley, Battalion Chief, stated that Jim Whitney was recognized by King County EMS for successfully resuscitating three patients in one month. This is the first time a Redmond Fire Fighter has received this award.

Mr. Tommy Smith, Fire Chief, stated that, in Redmond, many paramedics stay in their position for 20 or more years. The cost to train and certify a paramedic is expensive, and the investment in education is worth it.

Introduce New Deputy Fire Chief, Don Horton

Chief Smith introduced Mr. Don Horton, the new Deputy Fire Chief. Five candidates were interviewed for the Deputy Chief position. Deputy Chief Horton is focused on developing relationships within the organization.

Deputy Chief Horton stated that he is happy and humbled for the opportunity to work in the Redmond Fire Department.

General discussion ensued regarding Deputy Chief Horton's background.

Budget Check-in, Police

Ms. Kristi Wilson, Assistant Police Chief, provided a budget update for the Police Department:

- 5-6 percent under budget at the close of 2015;
- vacancies have been slow to fill;
- overtime is over budget currently, and will end up under budget due to reimbursements; and
- projects were added in 2015 that caused more expenses in the short-term.

General discussion ensued regarding flagging expenses; public records offer; and 2016 budget trends.

Budget Check-in, Fire *(this item was added during the meeting)*

Chief Smith stated that:

- The budget for suppression is approximately 3.3 percent under budget.
- Overtime is over budget due to vacated positions and retirements.
- Due to the timeline for training, new recruits will start in October 2016.
- Three paramedics have left the department and one has a new administrative position.
- Paramedic school increases overtime costs.
- King County has reserve funds that the City can request.

General discussion ensued regarding the overall budget.

2015 Performance Measurement Update

Chief Gibson provided statistics on the 2015 Performance measures that includes clearance rates, property crimes, customer survey, 911 call answer time, and public records request completion time.

General discussion ensued regarding reporting to the FBI; survey questions; and process for connecting multiple crimes in multiple jurisdictions.

Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network (PSERN) Update

Chief Gibson stated that he is being replaced as the Police Chief representative on the board and there will be a possible radio tower site on Education Hill.

General discussion ensued regarding neighborhood resistance to the tower.

Proposed Amendments to Redmond Camping Ordinance

Chief Gibson stated that courts have recently found that, for a no camping ordinance to be enforced, there has to be a shelter open for people to go to and there has to be a reasonable expectation that the person can access the shelter. The no camping ordinance will be updated to reflect the new wording.

General discussion ensued regarding the goal of the ordinance.