

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

Council Conference Room  
15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> Street, Redmond, Washington

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

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**Council**

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

**Staff**

Rich Gieseke, Assistant Fire Marshal  
Charlie Gorman, Police Commander  
Todd Short, Fire Marshal  
Skip Boylan, Fire Fighter Paramedic  
Tommy Smith, Fire Chief  
Tom Norton, Battalion Chief  
Kristi Wilson, Police Chief  
Cheryl Xanthos, Deputy City Clerk

Convened: 4:30 p.m.

Adjourned 5:20 p.m.

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

**Police Foundation**

Mr. Charlie Gorman, Police Commander, stated that:

- The Police Foundation is a citizen-led organization that does fundraising for the Police Department to purchase items that are not in the Police Department's budget.
- The foundation has a Board of Directors and bylaws.
- The Police Department goes through an application process to identify items that are needed and would like provided through the foundation.
- Redmond is in the process of creating a Police Foundation.
- So far three board members have been identified.
- The Redmond Police Department would like to see some state-of-the-art technologies and professional development training funding provided by the foundation.

General discussion ensued regarding having a fundraising conversation with OneRedmond.

**Emergency Management Performance Grant**

Commander Gorman stated that this grant is handed down to states from FEMA and the federal government. The state hands it down to local governments to help with emergency management programs. The City will receive approximately \$37,000 this year. The funds will be used for upgrades to the Emergency Coordination Center.

## **WASPC (Washington Association of Sheriff and Police Chiefs) Accreditation**

Ms. Kristi Wilson, Police Chief, stated that the accreditation will take place in October.

## **International Fire Code Adoption**

Mr. Rich Gieseke, Assistant Fire Marshal, provided an update on fire code adoption:

- International Code Committee adopts new code every three years.
- The Fire Department is reviewing the code amendments adopted by the state.
- The City can be more restrictive than the state.
- Zone 1 coordinates adoption of code to provide consistency.
- Some of the changes include carbon dioxide and open fire pits in restaurants, solar voltaic systems, and marijuana extraction processes.

General discussion ensued regarding outside open flame tables and regional radio systems.

## **Pulse Point**

Mr. Tommy Smith, Fire Chief, stated that Seattle has already implemented Pulse Point, and NORCOM will be implementing it soon.

Mr. Skip Boylan, Fire Fighter Paramedic, provided a report on Pulse Point:

- new app for cellphones to help push the CPR save rate higher;
- King County has the highest save rate in the world;
- 55 percent of witnessed cardiac events have CPR started;
- after the app is downloaded, when a cardiac event happens within a quarter mile, the dispatcher can send a notification to Pulse Point;
- the alert sent to a phone with the app installed will show where the person in distress is and where an AED is located;
- the percentage of time where no CPR is being done will be reduced;
- users register AED locations;
- the app will not cost the City any money;
- the Medic One Foundation is working to find sponsors

General discussion ensued regarding no Windows Phone version and how to locate the person in distress.

## **EMS Appreciation Week** *(this item was reordered during the meeting)*

Mr. Boylan stated that May 16-20th is EMS Appreciation Week and some events may be planned.

## **Fire Department Performance Measures Update**

Chief Smith provided an update on the performance measures for Suppression:

- turnout times – the amount of time from the alarm for the crews to be leaving the station,
  - the goal is to be out of the station 90 percent of the time within 90 seconds;

- currently it is at 69 percent;
  - some technological issues with the radio signals;
- travel times
  - urban – City of Redmond, arrive on scene within 6 minutes;
  - suburban – Fire District No. 34, arrive on scene within 8 minutes;
  - rural – Fire District No. 34, arrive on scene within 10 minutes;
- effective fire force – urban, suburban, and rural
  - within 15 minutes of a structure fire occurring, 15 firefighters will be on-scene.

### **Red Card Certification - Wildland Firefighting**

Mr. Tom Norton, Battalion Chief, stated that wildfire training focused on fires in Redmond will be provided, and by July 31<sup>st</sup>, all Fire Fighters will be trained. Red Card training is for fighting wild fires in Eastern Washington.

General discussion ensued regarding anticipating a need for this type of training.

### **Update on Fire Department Strategic Plan**

Chief Smith stated that Tri-Data was working on the Fire Department Strategic Plan, however, that relationship was severed. Former Deputy Chief Brown was tasked with figuring out where the strategic plan was left at, and what data can be used. The long-term estimates were not accurate numbers. In the next two to three months, a group will be convened in the Fire Department to see where they are in developing the strategic plan, and bring it back to the committee for feedback.

### **Update on Fire Department Promotional Process**

Chief Smith stated that they just gave several promotional tests through Jack Clancy and Associates. There were two or three appeals. The promotional ceremony will be in May.

General discussion ensued regarding an academy for newly hired firefighters.

### **Fire Save vs. Loss – 1st Report**

Mr. Todd Short, Fire Marshal, provided fire save and loss information on investigated fires in the City, as assessed value. In 2015, 26 fires were investigated. Estimated value of the structure was \$66 million, loss was \$932,500, or 14 percent of the value. Structures with sprinklers have a lot less loss.

General discussion ensued regarding fire investigations and the Celtic Bayou fire.