

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

**April 17, 2012
11:30 AM
Fairbanks Police Department**

PSC Members:	Peter Stern (Seat C - 2013)	Buzzy Chiu (Seat D - 2014)
	Frank Eagle (Seat E - 2012)	Robert Hall (FPD Representative)
	John Eberhart (Seat A - 2014)	Greg Taylor (FFD Representative)
	Bill Satterberg (Seat B - 2012)	

Meeting Minutes

CALLED TO ORDER: 11:35 am

ATTENDANCE:

PSC Members: Peter Stern, Frank Eagle, John Eberhart and Robert Hall

PSC Members Absent: Bill Satterberg, Buzzy Chiu and Greg Taylor

Others in attendance: Mayor Jerry Cleworth, Stephanie Johnson and Kristi Merideth–FECC, Dave Burglin–CAO, Chief Laren Zager, Deputy Chief Johnson and Lt. Eric Jewkes–FPD; Chief Warren Cummings, Captain Sean Aldrich and Debra Davis - FFD.

ADOPT AGENDA: Agenda amended to remove “Officer Involved Shooting”.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MINUTES: The minutes of the March 13, 2012 meeting were approved without changes.

Peter Stern informed the group that Frank Eagle, after many years as a member of the Public Safety Commission, had tendered his resignation.

OLD BUSINESS:

Code Changes, Ordinance Update and False 911 Calls Ordinance Lt. Eric Jewkes reported the changes went to the first reading on Monday April 16, 2012. The second reading will be on April 23, 2012.

Role of the Public Safety Commission The City Council agrees that the PSC should continue, as they see value in the Commissions’ work. Mayor Cleworth handed out a draft for review and discussion for an updated Ordinance. The draft will be emailed to Bill Satterberg and Buzzy Chiu and the discussion will continue at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Police Vehicles Chief Zager will be in a meeting on April 18, 2012 where a decision will be made on the vehicles that will be purchased. The two being discussed are the Subaru Legacy and a Ford SUV. The Subaru can be an immediate order whereas the Ford would go through a bidding process. Four vehicles are budgeted for each year, however there were none purchased last year, therefore the department is looking at purchasing a total of seven vehicles this year.

REPORTS:

FECC Report – Director Stephanie Johnson reported that the Call Taking agreement with FNSB has been finalized. It is in the process of being signed off at the State level. Other Borough users are working on their contracts as well. Part of the agreement is for a backup plan which needs to be turned into the Borough by 7/1/13. Stephanie is looking at Soldotna as a reciprocating backup as both FECC and Soldotna use the same ALMR talk groups. There is a Capital request for expansion of Public Works warm storage building, additions on each end of the building. One of the additions

would be a good location for backup communication equipment. She currently has two dispatch positions open and perhaps a third as a junior employee does not like the hours available. The Business Plan is not ready as it needs to be presented to the City Council first.

FFD Report – Chief Cummings reviewed the fire and ambulance response statistics. He also discussed a situation on March 24th, where two fire calls were going simultaneously and UAFF had to be diverted to the second, motor home fire, which had two fatalities. The Fire Prevention Grant is being submitted at the end of April. The focus is on home inspection and the elderly (ie-C02 and smoke detectors). The HLS Grant will be ready for submittal in a month. Projects are going to the Departments for discussion. Some items on the list are outside electric plugs at warm storage, SARS trench trailer, security improvements at FFD and FPD.

FPD Report – Officer Hall reviewed the March 2012 statistics report. He stated that the -1 for homicide was because of the way UCR functions with regard to changes to a case (arrest, indictment, new information) will reduce the number. There was discussion regarding the number of calls per officer month over month and what drives these numbers. Chief Zager stated the statistics show him trends. He was comfortable stating that based on annual reports from other agencies throughout the state, if they are correct, FPD has the biggest number of calls per officer in the state.

CLOSING COMMENTS:

Mayor Cleworth expressed his frustration at the misquote “If I have my way it’s going to happen” by the News Miner with regard to PSO in Fairbanks.

May 12th is the Salute to our Military Parade. Starting at Fort Wainwright and ending at Pioneer Park with a barbeque. 4000+ participating.

Officer Hall added that on May 19th, 10AM at UAF there will be the Special Olympics Torch Run. Channel 11 will be covering it; anyone can send him an email for more information.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: May 8, 2012 (City Council Chambers hosted by FECC)

MEETING ADJOURNED at 12:47PM

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Davis, FFD