

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

**October 10, 2017
11:30 AM
Fairbanks Police Department**

PSC Members: Joy Huntington (Seat A - 2018) Steve Heckman (Seat E - 2018)
Tom Temple (Seat B - 2018) Jason Doxey (Seat F - 2019)
Rich Meyer (Seat C - 2019) Jason McComas-Roe (Seat G - 2017)
Buzzy Chiu (Seat D - 2017) Thomas Carter (Seat H - 2017)

Regular Meeting Minutes

Call to Order at 11:34

ATTENDANCE: Joy Huntington, Rich Meyer, Buzzy Chiu, Steve Heckman, Jason Doxey, Jason McComas-Roe and Thomas Carter. Tom Temple was absent.

ADOPT AGENDA: The agenda was approved without additions.

APPROVE MINUTES: Minutes for the July 11, 2017 regular meetings were approved with some typographical corrections.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No comments from the general public were offered.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FECC –Director Johnson reviewed dispatch activities. Have 6 ½ FTE’s vacant, with one in training, and one in background. They have engaged in various recruiting activities. The City of Fairbanks used to be competitive in its wage and benefit package, but has fallen behind many cities and even other Alaska dispatch centers.

The CAD software sharing agreement with FWW completed after over 2 years. AST is looking to enter into the same type of agreement. There is a significant improvement to information sharing in the area when the various agencies are using the same CAD software.

Director Johnson brought forward a proposal she and Chief Jewkes are taking to Council to use salary savings from unfilled positions to pay retention bonuses to the people who have stayed and are working all the extra hours caused by vacancies in both FECC and FPD. Those employees are also working without raises as their contract is in court. They requested the Committee support this proposal. The bonus will cost about 100K. There was considerable discussion on the matter, and questions were answered by both Director Johnson and Chief Jewkes. The final result was a motion by Steve Heckman and seconded by Buzzy Chiu “that the Public Safety Commission supports the proposed 2017 retention bonus for FECC and FPD employees and authorizes Chairman Chiu to notify the council that support in writing and/or public testimony.” The motion passed with one abstention.

Mr. Jason McComas-Roe requested that in the future if there is an item of business such as this, that it be added to the agenda, not just discussed under reports.

FFD – The FFD stats were reviewed by Asst. Chief Ron Templeton. The projection based on current trends is that FFD will exceed 5000 calls for 2017. All FTE’s are filled, however, there are multiple people off the active suppression schedule due to injuries and also prolonged military training. FFD has been losing staff members from the bottom of the seniority list as new firefighters leave for better pay and/or benefits. In 2018 they expect to lose staff from the top as

well, as the top 12 employees are eligible for retirement, and he expects to see 3-5 retirements in the year.

FPD – Statistics for FPD were reviewed by Chief Jewkes. He noted that the calls per officer are driven by the reduction in staff. They are currently down 12 positions and anticipate additional retirements in 2018 including a Deputy Chief and a couple of their detectives. With the amount of time it takes to hire and train officers, and the expected retirements, he expects FPD will not be up to full staffing until 2021. FPD has had a successful lateral hire of an officer from FWW, and the recruiting bonus he received of \$20K saved the City about \$100K for a standard new hire to undergo training. The new officer can be on the street in a very short period of time vs the year it normally takes to get someone ready to go. It is very difficult to attract trained officers, as this means they are currently working somewhere and FPD does not offer a salary & benefit package to compete with most places. FPD has lost officers to other area police departments.

He stated that the criminal justice reforms made by the State have resulted in some unintended consequences, as individuals are often released before the paperwork is even done. This does not allow for sufficient time to sober up if necessary and allows them to re-engage in whatever behavior got them arrested in the first place. The Drug Drop Box installed at FPD is operational and a great community service. It allows individuals to dispose of expired and outdated medications safely. FPD recently acquired an MRAP from military surplus at no cost. It has a 700K value. It is intended for defensive use only. Operation Glow is occurring this year again, with FPD passing out 10K glow sticks to kids to carry while walking on streets and sidewalks for Halloween.

On a final note, it will soon be the 1 year anniversary of Sgt Brant's death. There will be a remembrance on October 28th

PW – Director Jeff Jacobson reports that the draining ditches in various spots around the city are overflowing, as the ground is saturated and the cool weather does not allow for evaporation. He reports the process put into place for garbage separation is working well. PW will be reducing the number of concrete planters on Cushman and Noble. Cushman lighting has been completed.

He reports that city code has been updated, to allow fines for individuals pushing private snow into the streets. This has always be prohibited, but there was no consequence for doing so. The city simply does not have the manpower or resources to be clearing private snow. Property owners are responsible for keeping their sidewalks clean, and PW will send out letters reminding owners of this should they not be doing so.

The annual OSHA inspection of city facilities identified a minimal number of hazards. Generally departments are doing a good job keeping their buildings safe. Noble Street should be open by the end of next week.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

CLOSING COMMENTS:

Mr. McComas-Roe was welcomed. He had applied to be a commission member, and the Mayor selected him for this committee. He does not have any background in public safety but is willing to serve as a community member. He asked if meeting invites could be sent out in advance.

NEXT MEETING:

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on January 9, 2018 at the Fairbanks Fire Department.

ADJOURNED: 12:58 pm

end of minutes

Fairbanks Fire Department

	2016	2017												2017 YTD
Totals	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	
Total Fire Calls	1008	97	125	132	143	185	188	179	168	153			1370	
Actual Fires	136	11	12	12	10	22	12	11	15	7			112	
Property at Risk	\$136,791,110	\$1,875,000	\$4,844,978	\$1,416,250	\$65,000	\$11,500	\$211,625	\$1,483,931	\$2,610,650	\$0			\$12,714,434	
Dollar Loss	\$1,402,471	\$67,200	\$24,125	\$14,250	\$2,000	\$6,500	\$4,125	\$171,575	\$0	\$0			\$295,875	
Property Saved	\$135,388,639	\$1,807,800	\$4,820,853	\$1,402,000	\$63,000	\$5,400	\$207,500	\$1,312,356	\$2,610,650	\$0			\$12,418,559	
Percent Saved	98.96%	96.42%	99.50%	98.99%	96.92%	46.96%	98.05%	88.44%	100.00%				97.62%	
Ambulance	3694	273	291	273	263	291	295	281	296	234			2497	
Transports	2721	220	252	237	217	247	256	240	232	202			2103	
Multiple Amb Calls	763	59	71	62	54	60	72	63	74	40			555	
EMS Call No FFD	27	3	3	4	4	5	9	5	6	1			40	
Total Calls	4902	370	416	405	406	476	483	460	464	387			3867	
Average Calls/day	13.4	11.9	14.9	13.1	13.5	15.4	16.1	14.8	15.0	12.9			14.2	
Mutual Aid Given	101	9	5	7	8	11	7	7	11	5			70	
Mutual Aid Received	148	15	15	25	15	25	23	19	33	14			184	
Injuries Civilian	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0			2	
Injuries Fire	9	0	1	2	0	6	0	0	2	2			13	
Fatalities Civilian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	
Fatalities Fire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	
Avg. Emergency Turnout (EMS)	01:21	01:29	01:19	01:25	01:15	01:19	01:25	01:28	01:04	01:31				
Avg. Response Time	04:01	04:13	04:18	03:57	03:52	03:50	03:42	03:57	04:08	03:57				
Avg. Time on Call	46:28	49:50	57:56	54:46	48:44	47:02	43:24	42:59	43:33	41:31				

MAJOR FIRES:

Date: 1/19/2017	Type: Multifamily: 8 Plex	Address: 212 7th Ave	Cause: Undetermined	Value: \$400,000	Loss: \$45,000	#17-0237
Date: 8/20/2017	Type: Manufacturing: Processing	Address: 2406 Cushman Street	Cause: Under Investigation	Value: \$262,614	Loss: \$150,000	
Date:	Type:	Address:	Cause:	Value:	Loss:	

FAIRBANKS POLICE DEPARTMENT OVERALL DEPARTMENT STATISTICS YTD 2016

	JAN 2017	FEB 2017	MAR 2017	APR 2017	MAY 2017	JUN 2017	JUL 2017	AUG 2017	SEP 2017	YTD 2017
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	1553	1562	1774	1900	2059	1976	2103	1954	2040	16921
AVG # OF OFFICERS	19.57	21.25	20.48	18.71	19.70	17.43	18.80	17.48	17.36	18.98
CALLS PER OFFICER	79.36	73.51	86.62	101.55	104.52	113.37	111.86	111.78	117.51	100.01
SELF INITIATED	370	395	478	492	562	523	579	486	583	4468
TRAFFIC STOPS	151	184	218	190	235	202	219	157	259	1815
CITATIONS	90	92	63	87	123	93	108	75	94	825
<i>NON-TRAFFIC</i>	14	15	5	13	30	18	13	23	25	156
<i>TRAFFIC</i>	76	77	58	74	93	75	95	52	64	664
Moving	31	38	18	42	20	32	35	21	16	253
Non-Moving	58	45	40	31	103	41	56	29	42	445
Equipment	1	9	5	1	0	2	4	2	6	30
CITATIONS/OFC	4.60	4.33	3.08	4.65	6.24	5.34	5.74	4.29	5.41	4.85
ALL OTHERS	219	211	260	302	327	321	360	329	324	2653
TOTAL PART ONE	148	130	180	NIY	NIY	NIY	NIY	NIY	NIY	458
Homicide	0	0	0	NIY	NIY	NIY	NIY	NIY	NIY	0
Forcible Rape	2	2	1	NIY	NIY	NIY	NIY	NIY	NIY	5
Robbery	0	2	4	NIY	NIY	NIY	NIY	NIY	NIY	6
Assault	24	35	43	NIY	NIY	NIY	NIY	NIY	NIY	102
Burglary	19	14	10	NIY	NIY	NIY	NIY	NIY	NIY	43
Larceny	81	58	89	NIY	NIY	NIY	NIY	NIY	NIY	228
Motor Vehicle Theft	22	19	33	NIY	NIY	NIY	NIY	NIY	NIY	74
TOTAL PART TWO	156	170	194	NIY	NIY	NIY	NIY	NIY	NIY	520
TOTAL ARRESTS	86	94	100	98	127	135	97	108	110	955
CITY PAID FCC	0	0	0	0	13	5	NIY	NIY	NIY	18

SPECIAL INTEREST CATEGORIES

	JAN 2017		FEB 2017		MAR 2017		APR 2017		2017
	CALLS	ARR	CALLS	ARR	CALLS	ARR	CALLS	ARR	CALLS
ALL ASSAULTS	104	25	95	12	104	18	98	16	95
DV RELATED	82	12	75	10	88	13	89	7	78
DUI	54	25	54	9	57	17	80	19	117

	JUL 2017		AUG 2017		SEP 2017		OCT 2017		NOV	YTD 2017	
	CALLS	ARR	CALLS	ARR	CALLS	ARR	CALLS	ARR	CALLS	CALLS	ARR
ALL ASSAULTS	107	22	81	21	94	12				871	170
DV RELATED	88	14	67	16	75	6				730	92
DUI	83	15	89	14	95	19				727	156

FAIRBANKS POLICE DEPARTMENT OVERALL DEPARTMENT STATISTICS YTD 2016

Total Calls for service: The total calls for service is all calls that the police department
Avg # of Officers: The total number of patrol officers currently employed minus the total
Calls per Officer: Calls for service divided by Avg # of Officers.
Self Initiated: The total calls that an officer initiates.
of Traffic Stops: Total number of traffic stops done which is included in the total calls for
Traffic Citations: The total number of citations an officer has written.
Moving: Any traffic violation that is committed while a vehicle is in motion, such as
Non Moving: Any traffic violation that is not related to driving performance, such as
Equipment: Equipment that is improperly installed, missing or not authorized by Alaska
Citations per Officer: Total number of citations divided by the Avg # of Officers.
All Others: The number of self initiated calls that are not traffic stops. This may include;
Part One: Part One offenses are serious crimes that occur with regularity in all areas of
Part Two: Part Two crimes offenses are all crime classifications other than those defined
Total Arrests: The total number of arrests in the time period.
City paid FCC Charges: Total number of days the City pays for a prisoner to be
All Assaults (Calls): The total number of calls that were initially reported as an assault.
All Assaults (Arrests): The total number of assault arrests.
DV Related (Calls): The total number of calls that were initially reported as an assault and
DV Related (Arrests) : The total number of domestic violence related assaults.
DUI (Calls): The total number of calls that were initially reported as a DUI or REDDI Report
DUI (Arrests): The total number of DUI arrests only.
UCR Data: Changed due to resubmission of January 2016 - June 2016.
NIY: UCR data for noted months not submitted yet.

2016

MONTH	TURNOVER	ATTRITION	FILLED FTE'S	AUTH. FTE	% OF FTE FILLED
JAN	0	0%	16	19.5	82%
FEB	0	0%	17	19.5	87%
MAR	0	0%	17	19.5	87%
APR	0	0%	17	19.5	87%
MAY	0	0%	17	19.5	87%
JUN	0	0%	19.5	19.5	100%
JUL	0	0%	19.5	19.5	100%
AUG	0	0%	19.5	19.5	100%
SEP	0	0%	19.5	19.5	100%
OCT	0	0%	19.5	19.5	100%
NOV	2	10%	19.5	19.5	100%
DEC	2	11%	17.5	19.5	90%
AVG. FILLED FTE			18.2		
TOTAL TURNOVER	4				
YEAR ATTRITION		22%			

2017

MONTH	TURNOVER	ATTRITION	FILLED FTE'S	AUTH. FTE	% OF FTE FILLED
JAN	0	0%	16	19.5	82%
FEB	1	6%	17	19.5	87%
MAR	1	6%	16	19.5	82%
APR	0	0%	15	19.5	77%
MAY	0	0%	15	19.5	77%
JUN	0	0%	15	19.5	77%
JUL	0	0%	15	20.5	73%
AUG	2	13%	15	20.5	73%
SEP	0	0%	14	20.5	68%
OCT					
NOV					
DEC					
AVG. FILLED FTE			15.3		
TOTAL TURNOVER	4				
YEAR ATTRITION		26%			

2017 Retention and Bonus Retention Bonus-Revised Sept

Employee	Hire Date	Day	Year	YOS		per/yos	
Geier, Jim*	3	1	1993	24	\$ 3,300.00		
Johnson, Brad*	3	1	1993	24	\$ 3,300.00		
Jewkes, Eric*	4	1	1994	23	\$ -		
Soden, Matt*	6	16	1994	23	\$ 3,300.00		
James, Phil*	5	1	1995	22	\$ 3,300.00		
Welborn, Dan*	6	15	1995	22	\$ 3,300.00		
Adams, Scott*	9	16	1996	21	\$ 3,300.00		
Elzey, Dave	3	3	1997	20	\$ 3,300.00		
Foster, Greg	5	6	1998	19	\$ 3,300.00		
Barnett, Bruce	5	24	1999	18	\$ 3,300.00		
Merideth, Peyton	7	1	2000	17	\$ 3,300.00		
McCulloch, Yumi	6	15	2003	14	\$ 3,300.00		
Welborn, Doug	8	18	2003	14	\$ 3,300.00		
Adams, Andrew	4	1	2004	13	\$ 3,300.00		
Dupee, Ron	6	16	2005	12	\$ 3,300.00		
Lambert, Max	8	1	2005	12	\$ 3,300.00		
Malloy, Alana	7	16	2005	12	\$ 3,300.00		
Merrion, John	7	1	2005	12	\$ 3,300.00		
Lockwood, Kurt	5	1	2006	11	\$ 3,300.00		
Thompson, Avery	11	16	2006	11	\$ 3,300.00		
Benn, Dennis	8	1	2007	10	\$ 3,300.00		
Stonecipher, Dustin	12	22	2007	10	\$ 3,300.00		
Wages, Ben	12	3	2007	10	\$ 3,300.00		
Hall, Robert	2	16	2009	8	\$ 3,300.00		
Learned, Cindy	7	1	2009	8	\$ 3,300.00		
Werner, Nathan	8	12	2009	8	\$ 3,300.00		
Laska, Anthony	2	8	2012	5	\$ 2,300.00		
Rupe, Cory	2	1	2012	5	\$ 2,300.00		
Sweet, Rick	8	10	2012	5	\$ 2,300.00		
Berka, Alison	1	6	2014	3	\$ 1,300.00		
Pomeroy, Shasta	2	1	2016	1	\$ 1,300.00		
Bohham, Lane	7	5	2016	1	\$ 1,300.00		
Butler, Gerritt	2	12	2016	1	\$ 1,300.00		
Larimer, Tyler	8	10	2016	1	\$ 1,300.00		
Reuter, C	8	10	2016	1	\$ 1,300.00		
Wixon, Andrew	2	23	2017	1	\$ 1,300.00		
Rosenbalm, Sydney	2	24	2017	1	\$ 1,300.00		
DeWaele, Spencer	2	1	2017	1	\$ 1,300.00		
Freelong, Olivia	3	1	2017	1	\$ 1,300.00		
Hallsten, John	7	3	2017	Resigned			
Beza, Manuel	7	27	2017	Under 6mo			
Brubeck, Clinton	7	27	2017	Under 6mo			
Pace, Jason	7	27	2017	Under 6mo	\$ -		
Fett, Russell	10	1	2017	Under 6mo	\$ -		
					\$ 102,400.00		

2017 PROPOSED DISPATCH RETENTION BONUS

Employee	Hire Date	Day	Year	YOS		per/yos
Johnson, Stephanie	4	10	1995	22		
Kroshus, Glenda	6	1	1998	20	\$3,300.00	
Jewkes, Martha	10	1	1998	19	\$3,300.00	
Ritchie, Julie	7	12	1999	18	\$3,300.00	
Merideth, Kristi	4	7	2003	14	\$3,300.00	
Jensen, Jessica	3	2	2004	13	\$3,300.00	
Lefthand, Wenonah	2	25	2008	9	\$3,300.00	
Beyer, Jessie	9	3	2014	3	\$1,300.00	
Mepsted, Jennifer	9	4	2014	3	\$1,300.00	
Lenahan, Jessica	5	1	2015	2	\$1,300.00	
Morrell, Maxx	5	4	2015	2	\$1,300.00	
Modrell, Angela	2	8	2016	1	\$1,300.00	
Blackburn, Amanda	2	1	2017	7 months	\$1,300.00	
Knicley, Sheena	9	11	2017	Under 6 months		

\$27,600.00

CITY OF FAIRBANKS



DEPT OF PUBLIC WORKS

**2121 Peger Road
Fairbanks, Alaska 99709
907-459-6770 email: pwmail@fairbanks.us**

Dear Resident,

As the seasons change, it is time to prepare for snow and ice. Vehicles that will not be driven in the winter need to be moved and parked off the street so as to not interfere with snow removal. As a friendly reminder, City code does not allow snow from private property to be pushed onto sidewalks and streets and requires sidewalks to be cleared of snow and ice by adjacent property owners. Only snow from sidewalks can be pushed to curbside where it then can be removed during snow removal operations.

The City budget and limited snow storage capacity provides for only removing snow from public streets and sidewalks. During the heavy snow fall last winter there were instances where businesses and home owners pushed snow from their private properties onto public streets, sidewalks and alleys. These actions created unsafe driving conditions and hazards to pedestrians who were forced to walk on streets.

Recently, the City Council updated City Code 70-321 clarifying enforcement of violations for moving snow from private property onto sidewalks and streets and failure to keep sidewalks clear of snow and ice. Violators will be contacted by the Public Works Director and given 24 hours to remedy the violation. Failure to do so will result in a minimum of a \$200 service charge or the actual costs of snow removal whichever is higher. Repeat offenders will also be cited by the Police Department for a minor offense fine of \$200.

At Public Works our mission is to keep the City clean and our streets and sidewalks safe. We appreciate the many responsible residents and businesses who comply with city code. By working together, we can be more productive and efficient.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeff Jacobson", is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Jeff Jacobson, Public Works Director

October, 2017



September 19, 2017 Public Meeting
Hamilton Acres Snow Storage Site Expansion Questions & Answers

Q. Why does the Hamilton Snow Storage Site need to be expanded?

A. The winter snowfall of 2016/2017, illustrated the need for the City to secure or expand additional snow storage sites throughout the City to have the projected needed snow storage capacity and offset the loss of previous snow storage sites. The expansion will reduce the need to haul snow from Hamilton Acres to other snow storage sites, making snow removal operations more efficient.

Other City efforts to increase snow storage capacity includes: expanding the Arctic Park snow storage site, developing a new snow storage site on City property on 30th Ave, acquiring property to expand the Bentley snow storage site and acquiring property on Lazelle Road for a new snow storage site.

Q. When will the expanded snow storage site be operational?

A. After the conditional use permit is granted by the FNSB Planning Commission, some limited tree and brush clearing may occur in late October/November depending on snow conditions. Expansion of the snow storage site will begin in earnest mid-2018.

Q. What will the expansion work entail?

A. The 1.7 acres will be cleared, providing a 100 foot buffer between the adjacent residences and the snow storage site. (Borough code only requires a 50 foot buffer.) The expansion site will be sloped so that melting snow run-off, flows toward the river and into the existing drainage system. The entire snow storage site will then be fenced.

Q. What will the hours of operation of the snow storage site?

A. The hours of operation will not change. Currently the snow storage site is used 7 am – 5:30 pm. When night crews are utilized, the site will be used until 10 pm and occasionally until 11 pm.

Q. Will snow from other areas of the City be hauled to the expanded Hamilton Acres snow storage site?

A. No, the intent is to reduce haul time and expense.

Q. How much traffic and noise will be increased?

A. It all depends on the amount and frequency of snowfall. Generally, residents will not experience that much increase, if any, in traffic or noise than during current operations.



SLATER

UN-NAMED

HAMILTON

FRONT

PRATT

TRACT A
4.221679

1573

100'

TRACT B
13.17309

150'

ALLEY

Community
Garden

Chena River

