

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

**January 9, 2018
11:30 AM
Fairbanks Fire 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 - 2020)
	Buzzy Chiu (Seat D - 2020)	Thomas Carter (Seat H - 2020)

Regular Meeting Minutes

Call to Order at 11:34

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

ADOPT AGENDA: The agenda was approved without additions.

APPROVE MINUTES: Minutes for the October 10, 2017 regular meeting was approved as written.

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FECC –Director Johnson reports they have conditional offers out for all positions. Backgrounds are taking longer. She expects to hold a dispatch academy starting in February. It take approximately 8-10 months for a dispatch candidate to complete training.

The FNSB Call Taking agreement is up for renewal. This contract is to answer all the 911 calls within the borough. There are no anticipated changes. After that contract is signed, the City of North Pole will be next.

The CAD software sharing agreement with FWW has had its kick-off meeting. A Transition timeline has not been identified yet. FWW received a Community Partnership award from the Department of the Army for this project. The Alaska State Troopers are looking at doing the same type of software share, and she expects their kick-off meeting to be in April.

She reports the Sobering Center, a joint project between City of Fairbanks and TCC is now open, however is not open 24 hours a day yet. CSP transports clients to the facility. They can accept up to 18 clients. This provides an alternate to taking clients to the Correctional Center. The City of Fairbanks has requested 350K as a legislative request to continue funding of CSP. CSP is operating 20 hours a day. During 3-8am, FPD & FFD handle calls for service.

PW: Director Jacobson provided PSC members with a copy of the PW Update submitted to the Mayor and Council the evening before. He reports that PW hired 30 temps in December to allow for both day and night crews removing snow. Last year was actually double the normal snow fall. This year has been large quantities all at once, but actually not above average.

His department is reviewing marijuana facilities – how many, how dense, cultivation, zoning, etc. Currently Fairbanks has 6 cultivation facilities, 9 stores, as compared to 41 bars. Community input is being requested by City Council.

He is also reviewing the extension of businesses into public spaces (such as sidewalks and curbs.) This is a new area the City is exploring, and has the support of the Fairbanks Downtown Association. While one establishment is making the current request, it will impact other

establishments as well, so a policy/plan needs to be developed. He made mention of the recognition of two PW employees featured in the 2017-2018 Fairbanks Trades Women calendar,

FPD – They are currently down 6 positions and have an individual about to retire. They currently have 7 candidates in background and had 10 candidates eliminated from the hiring list. They have three officers in FTO, and Kurt Allan has returned to FPD from retirement. DMT is down one position, so they are backlogged on data entry, which accounts for the NIY (Not in Yet) codes on the FPD statistical report. The Sergeant promotion testing has been completed, and all 8 candidates who took the exam did well.

2017 saw 13 homicides, up from the previous record of 8 in 2016. No specific factors can be identified as to why the increase from a pretty stable rate in the last 25 years prior. In reviewing the statistics, it is noted that self-initiated calls for law enforcement are just as important as 911 calls. These indicate the officers are on the street doing their jobs, patrolling and observing. They continue to deal with the challenges of the new bail schedule, that has individuals back out on the street often before the paperwork is done.

FFD – The FFD stats were reviewed by Chief Styers. One employee left the end of December and that position was not funded in 2018. He anticipates 5 additional staff to depart by the end of June. It takes 2-4 months to bring new personnel on line once they complete their prehire screening. Currently there are 4 individuals out for injury and 1 on extended military leave. This is driving up overtime.

The new ambulance purchased by the City (A-09) matches the previous purchased unit. A partnership has been set up with the UAF Paramedic Academy for their staff to support as instructors, and they are able to send two students to PM school on tuition waiver, a savings of approximately 18K in fees.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

CLOSING COMMENTS:

Mr. McComas-Roe questioned whether these meetings were advertised to the public, which it was confirmed they were. Old business agenda topic for next meeting – Homicide rate report from FPD. Possible presentation for future meeting – DDACTS and what it would do for FPD and what resources are needed to implement it.

It was determined that the commission should investigate the marijuana facility density issues to provide a recommendation to the Mayor and Council.

NEXT MEETING:

A special meeting for the purpose of discussing Marijuana density, and the Lavelle's Taphouse Outdoor Extension will be held on Tuesday, January 30th at 11:30 at Fairbanks Police Department. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on April 10th, location to be announced.

ADJOURNED: 1:15pm

end of minutes