

# **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION**

**January 8, 2019  
11:30 AM  
Fairbanks Police Department**

PSC Members:	Shoshana Kun (Seat A - 2020)	Stephen Heckman (Seat E – 2021)
	VACANT (Seat B - 2021)	Jason Doxey (Seat F - 2019)
	Rich Meyer (Seat C - 2019)	Jason McComas-Roe (Seat G - 2020)
	Buzzy Chiu, Chairman (Seat D - 2020)	Thomas Carter (Seat H - 2020)

## **Regular Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order by Buzzy Chiu at 11:36.

**ATTENDANCE:** Commission members present were Shoshana Kun, Rich Meyer, Buzzy Chui, Stephen Heckman, Jason Doxey, Jason McComas-Roe, Thomas Carter. Seat B remains vacant.

**ADOPT AGENDA:** Subcommittee Report on the Downtown Vagrant issue to be added under Old Business. The agenda was unanimously approved as amended.

**APPROVE MINUTES:** The minutes from the regular meeting of October 9, 2018 were approved as published.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mayor Matherly wanted to thank all the commission members for their work. He would like to increase police presence downtown this summer. He also wants to make sure we keep CSP – he is interested in any ideas anyone may have to help ensure the \$250K year to continue the program.

Craig Compeau spoke in favor of allowing the licensing of Off Road Vehicles (ORV's). He stated that 35 states have some level of approval for ORV's to be public roads. Montano raises funds by charging a \$150 permit good for the life of the vehicle.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**FPD** Chief Dan Welborn reported the next recruit academy is the end of February. They are trying to get three candidates through background checks. They have 2 recruits currently in field training, one expected to go on the street the beginning of February and the second the beginning of March. They have one officer on light duty. They also had to let an officer go for theft. Statistics for FPD for 2018 were distributed.

**FFD** Chief Jim Styers reviewed the 2018 FFD call statistics, which continues to show the upward growth in call volume. He expects the number of transports from Chief Andrew Isaac Health Center will continue to increase, as they have terminated their private contract for transports from the clinic to the hospital. He indicated we did not choose to pick up

these calls, they are in the city. In response to a question, he said it would take about 6 - 9months to know the ratio of billings to collection for these calls.

PW Director Jacobson reported PW expects to lose operators and mechanics this summer. There is only a limited pool of qualified workers, and the city is not competitive for wages. The FWW 24-hour snow removal contract was not filled, so they have not lost staff this winter as expected. Snow removal started on December 10<sup>th</sup> this winter, and had expected to ramp up in January, but have experienced some serious equipment failures. They are updating the schedule weekly on the city's website. This has actually been a low snow fall year, it is just how the snow has fallen, resulting in areas that have already been cleaned being dumped with snow again, and they have to wait, as each area has to be cleared once before PW can go back for round 2.

FECC Director Johnson retired 12/31/18 and left the state. Kristi Merideth has been appointed as the new director but is currently out on maternity leave. Julie Ritchie is acting director in her absence. Ms. Ritchie reported that the FECC currently has three vacancies in dispatch and one dispatcher in training. The AST CAD project is expected to cut over sometime in February. The phone issue that impacted the statistics last meeting have been resolved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Public Works recognition as part of Public Safety Commission: No action or discussion. (The Mayor's office will be looking at the PSC ordinance to effect change to add PW to the commission.)

Downtown Vagrant Issue: The subcommittee comprised of Mr. McComas-Roe, Asst City Attorney Danielle Pensley and Steve Heckman all met on Dec 19, 2018 to discuss the issue. All agreed there was a problem and it is getting worse. Years ago, FPD Officer Douglas Wooley had quite a presence and due to limited staffing, that has been missing. They will meet again, including the Mayor, FPD and Ms. Kun to look at options.

In a related topic, there was discussion regarding the Sobering Center. Their current grant runs out the end of 2019. There continues to be concerns regarding resources for homeless and inebriants in our community. Mayor Matherly commended Mike Sanders for his work in this area.

Legalization of ATV's on Public Roadways in the City of Fairbanks: There was more discussion regarding sample ordinance/laws from other states. Concerns center around safety for riders and others, how to regulate and where ORV on roads should be allowed. There needs to be something more detailed in order for the commission to evaluate before deciding whether or not to support the measure. Mr. Carter will meet with DC Welborn to iron out some of these issues.

CLOSING COMMENTS

None.

NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be held at Fairbanks Fire Department.

ADJOURNED: 1:00 pm

FAIRBANKS POLICE DEPARTMENT OVERALL DEPARTMENT STATISTICS 2018

	JAN 2018	FEB 2018	MAR 2018	APR 2018	MAY 2018	JUN 2018	JUL 2018	AUG 2018	SEP 2018	OCT 2018	NOV 2018	DEC 2018	YTD 2018
<b>TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE</b>	1977	1765	2045	1992	2225	2237	2276	2196	2120	2017	1868	2080	24798
AVG # OF OFFICERS	21.48	23.62	22.98	20.78	21.34	20.21	21.40	21.46	23.35	22.66	21.88	20.73	21.82
CALLS PER OFFICER	92.04	74.72	88.99	95.86	104.26	110.69	106.36	102.33	90.79	89.01	85.37	100.34	95.06
<b>SELF INITIATED</b>	657	574	740	638	660	625	621	641	680	510	521	442	7309
<b>TRAFFIC STOPS</b>	260	267	456	409	340	319	336	343	437	300	304	253	4024
<b>CITATIONS</b>	91	124	172	154	191	159	130	122	154	113	130	103	1643
<b>NON-TRAFFIC</b>	4	114	3	9	36	44	15	14	10	2	1	4	256
<b>TRAFFIC</b>	87	10	169	145	155	115	115	108	144	111	129	66	1354
Moving	33	48	79	73	80	55	46	43	79	44	67	60	707
Non-Moving	58	75	93	78	108	102	79	77	71	65	52	41	899
Equipment	0	1	1	3	3	2	5	2	4	4	11	2	38
<b>CITATIONS/OFC</b>	4.24	5.25	7.48	7.41	8.95	7.87	6.07	5.68	6.60	5.00	5.94	4.97	6.29
<b>ALL OTHERS</b>	397	307	284	229	320	306	285	298	243	210	217	189	3285
<b>TOTAL PART ONE</b>	154	141	120	128	176	167	176	169	159	178	155	NIY	1723
Homicide	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	NIY	4
Forcible Rape	0	0	2	3	3	1	2	2	0	3	1	NIY	17
Robbery	4	4	0	0	5	5	3	5	2	5	4	NIY	37
Assault	45	30	20	35	45	35	41	35	41	45	31	NIY	403
Burglary	6	25	7	8	8	7	12	11	10	17	9	NIY	120
Larceny	79	84	80	74	106	100	107	109	94	91	97	NIY	1021
Motor Vehicle Theft	19	13	11	7	8	18	11	7	12	17	13	NIY	136
<b>TOTAL PART TWO</b>	205	221	219	215	213	241	235	236	185	235	197	NIY	2402
<b>TOTAL ARRESTS</b>	99	140	84	115	150	128	148	140	133	104	145	118	1504
CITY PAID FCC	0	0	0	0	19	8	1	8	3	0			39

SPECIAL INTEREST CATEGORIES

	JAN 2018		FEB 2018		MAR 2018		APR 2018		MAY 2018		JUN 2018	
	CALLS	ARR	CALLS	ARR	CALLS	ARR	CALLS	ARR	CALLS	ARR	CALLS	ARR
<b>ALL ASSAULTS</b>	115	19	87	20	94	12	119	16	139	19	98	15
<b>DV RELATED</b>	91	11	66	10	70	8	89	10	112	15	73	8
<b>DUI</b>	35	19	52	18	63	23	90	21	112	17	105	29

	JUL 2018		AUG 2018		SEP 2018		OCT 2018		NOV 2018		DEC 2018		YTD 2018	
	CALLS	ARR	CALLS	ARR	CALLS	ARR	CALLS	ARR	CALLS	ARR	CALLS	ARR	CALLS	ARR
<b>ALL ASSAULTS</b>	125	28	104	14	92	22	101	18	98	25	117	23	1289	231
<b>DV RELATED</b>	92	15	79	12	74	14	70	6	80	11	92	15	988	135
<b>REDDI/ DUI</b>	131	25	114	25	108	22	106	26	95	38	99	19	1110	282



2018	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD Totals
<b>INCOMING CALLS: 911 calls</b>													
TTY Calls	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FNSB 911	2,657	2,383	2,365	2,640	3,244	3,073	3,523	2,921	2,162	2,282	2,121	2,284	31,655
Out of Area 911*	29	39	36	65	109	92	119	154	54	42	29	53	821
Abandoned 911	284	211	243	240	317	273		295	243	269	286	288	2,949
<b>Total 9-1-1 Calls</b>	<b>2,970</b>	<b>2,633</b>	<b>2,644</b>	<b>2,945</b>	<b>3,670</b>	<b>3,438</b>	<b>3,642</b>	<b>3,370</b>	<b>2,459</b>	<b>2,593</b>	<b>2,436</b>	<b>2,625</b>	<b>35,425</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE CALLS:</b>													
FECC Admin	5,071	4,530	4,714	4,679	5,185	5,427	5,727	5,370	4,069	4,710	4,052	3,744	57,278
FECC ALARM TECHS	204	161	176	147	191	247	179	180	117	117	125	94	1,938
FECC CSP	363	333	361	420	443	356	357	339	268	381	313	245	4,179
FECC Fire	258	236	245	209	294	317	280	294	241	303	159	211	3,047
FECC Police	475	445	387	449	545	529	518	461	520	576	437	501	5,843
FECC Supervisors	113	88	101	117	6	112	76	131	63	101	76	61	1,045
<b>Total Administrative Calls:</b>	<b>6,484</b>	<b>5,793</b>	<b>5,984</b>	<b>6,021</b>	<b>6,664</b>	<b>6,988</b>	<b>7,137</b>	<b>6,775</b>	<b>5,278</b>	<b>6,188</b>	<b>5,162</b>	<b>4,856</b>	<b>73,330</b>
<b>Total Incoming Calls:</b>	<b>9,454</b>	<b>8,426</b>	<b>8,628</b>	<b>8,966</b>	<b>10,334</b>	<b>10,426</b>	<b>10,779</b>	<b>10,145</b>	<b>7,737</b>	<b>8,781</b>	<b>7,598</b>	<b>7,481</b>	<b>108,755</b>
<b>OUTGOING CALLS</b>													
Outgoing Calls	3,449	3,583	3,129	3,370	3,808	4,073	4,776	4,035	3,235	3,647	3,105	3,275	43,485
Station to Station	312	219	243	261	272	247	338	272	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,164
<b>Total Outgoing Calls:</b>	<b>3,761</b>	<b>3,802</b>	<b>3,372</b>	<b>3,631</b>	<b>4,080</b>	<b>4,320</b>	<b>5,114</b>	<b>4,307</b>	<b>3,235</b>	<b>3,647</b>	<b>3,105</b>	<b>3,275</b>	<b>45,649</b>
<b>TOTAL PHONE CALLS (ALL TYPES):</b>	<b>13,215</b>	<b>12,228</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>12,597</b>	<b>14,414</b>	<b>14,746</b>	<b>15,893</b>	<b>14,452</b>	<b>10,972</b>	<b>12,428</b>	<b>10,703</b>	<b>10,756</b>	<b>154,404</b>
<b>9-1-1 ANSWER TIMES (Based on NENA Standard 56-005)</b>													
10 Seconds or less (Minimum Standard = 90%)	92.2%	93.0%	0.0%	92.3%	91.2%	92.2%	92.5%	92.2%	92.9%	91.0%	94.5%	95.0%	84.9%
20 Seconds or less (Minimum Standard = 95%)	96.7%	97.3%	0.0%	97.1%	95.8%	97.4%	96.6%	96.4%	97.8%	96.5%	97.9%	98.4%	89.0%
Greater than 20 Seconds	3.3%	2.7%	0.0%	2.9%	4.2%	2.6%	3.4%	3.6%	2.2%	3.5%	2.1%	1.6%	2.7%
<b>CALLS FOR SERVICE</b>													
CSP REQUESTS FOR SERVICE	421	418	574	658	654	612	517	508	407	443	344	251	5,807
CSP TRANSPORTS	243	260	350	419	456	387	279	316	219	281	248	181	3,639
CSP FOOT PATROLS	67	113	86	151	164	138	260	304	397	336	179	244	2,439
Fire & EMS	1,109	996	957	993	1,181	1,163	1,195	1,142	1,071	1,145	932	1,026	12,910
Police	2,838	1,993	2,286	2,269	3,089	3,203	2,654	2,579	2,473	2,296	2,139	2,026	29,845

Fairbanks Fire Department

	2017 Totals	2018 Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	2018 YTD Total	Difference
Total Fire Calls	1833	184	171	150	175	225	206	265	208	205	217	170	165	2341	508
Actual Fires	139	8	12	9	13	14	12	23	13	14	20	5	14	157	18
Property at Risk	\$22,459,395	\$980,000	\$45,544,208	\$26,523,712	\$9,000	\$450,010	\$1,419,250	\$3,998,600	\$15,902,000	\$3,100,700	\$1,311,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$99,239,480	\$76,780,085
Dollar Loss	\$397,530	\$12,500	\$138,008	\$0	\$9,000	\$86,510	\$6,250	\$247,300	\$15,000	\$5,500	\$92,500	\$1,000	\$0	\$613,568	\$216,038
Property Saved	\$22,061,865	\$967,500	\$45,406,200	\$26,523,712	\$0	\$363,500	\$1,413,000	\$3,751,300	\$15,887,000	\$3,095,200	\$1,218,500	\$0	\$0	\$98,625,912	\$76,564,047
Percent Saved	98.20%	98.72%	99.70%	100.00%	0.00%	80.78%	99.56%	93.82%	99.91%	99.82%	92.94%	0.00%	#DIV/0!	99.38%	1.180%
Ambulance	3396	293	250	281	272	277	307	295	309	270	287	285	296	3422	26
Transports	2844	234	205	238	233	236	265	248	268	243	251	249	261	2931	87
Multiple Amb Calls	783	77	57	74	71	71	67	68	62	70	69	61	72	819	36
EMS Call No FFD	64	12	13	11	6	2	1	4	2	3	2	0	3	59	-5
Stacked EMS Calls	N/A	N/A	N/A	5	13	6	13	18	11	11	13	5	8	103	103
CAI Health Center Calls	68	-	-	-	3	-	-	1	-	-	4	17	15	40	-28
Total Calls	5229	477	421	431	447	502	513	560	517	475	504	455	461	5763	534
Average Calls/day	14.3	15.4	15.0	13.9	14.9	16.2	17.1	18.1	16.7	15.8	16.3	15.2	14.9	15.9	1.8
Mutual Aid Given	91	15	14	9	7	7	2	4	11	7	14	5	16	111	20
Mutual Aid Received	261	30	31	27	21	27	15	16	18	14	18	11	16	244	-17
Injuries Civilian	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	1
Injuries Fire	18	3	1	2	2	1	1	-	1	1	3	2	1	18	0
Fatalities Civilian	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
Fatalities Fire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Avg. Emergency Turnout (EMS)	01:23	01:32	01:19	01:23	01:43	01:31	01:57	01:30	01:24	01:35	01:19	01:44	01:35	01:33	00:10
Avg. Response Time (EMS)	04:04	04:43	04:41	03:52	03:39	03:32	03:53	03:24	03:46	03:43	03:37	03:37	04:12	03:52	-00:12
Avg. Time on Call (EMS)	47:34	46:51	51:33	45:41	44:41	54:59	44:07	32:00	44:55	47:24	46:01	47:48	53:23	47:24	-00:10

MAJOR FIRES:

Date: 2/2/2018  
 Type: 1 or 2 Family Dwelling  
 Address: 390 Jeanne  
 Cause: Chimney Fire  
 Value: \$300,000      Loss: \$40,000

Date: 2/6/2018  
 Type: Residential Garage  
 Address: 1025 3rd Ave  
 Cause: Undetermined after investigation  
 Value: \$86,000      Loss: \$86,000

Date: 5/27/2018  
 Type: 1 or 2 Family Dwelling  
 Address: 918 25th Avenue  
 Cause: Cause under investigation  
 Value: \$230,000      Loss: \$85,000

Date: 7/14/2018  
 Type: 1 or 2 Family Dwelling  
 Address: 421 Jeanne Drive  
 Cause: Heat Source too Close to Combustibles  
 Value: \$275,000      Loss: \$220,000

Date: 10/27/2018  
 Type: 1 or 2 Family Dwelling  
 Address: 439 Rea  
 Cause: Vehicle Electrical Fire  
 Value: \$249,000      Loss: \$50,000






# Memorandum

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TO: Public Safety Commission

FROM: Jeff Jacobson, Public Works Director 

SUBJECT: Salaries, Turn Over, Retention

DATE: January 8, 2019

The year 2018 was our most challenging year regarding turn over and filling permanent positions.

In our Street Maintenance Division we have 9 permanent operators and 1 foreman. In 2018, we lost seven permanent operators; one retired, one was terminated, one left for family medical reasons and four left for financial hardship reasons.

In our Vehicle Maintenance Division we have 6 mechanics and 1 foreman. In 2018, we lost two mechanics, one retired and the other left for financial hardship reasons. Two more mechanics announced that they were leaving the end of November for higher paying jobs. One changed his mind and the other was not offered the job to which he had applied.

In our Garbage Collection Division, we have 9 laborers and 1 foreman. In 2018, one driver laborer has been out on a worker's comp injury all year, one laborer failed to get his CDL for medical reasons and resigned and one was terminated. One laborer postponed retiring until mid-2019. Of my 10 laborers, 5 have been exposed to sharps over their work career at PW.

The Public Works employee with the most longevity 41+ years announced that she will be retiring in late 2019.

Filling these vacancies in 2018 with qualified applicants have been problematic and will continue to be an even greater challenge in 2019 since all the unions have announced significant health insurance increases for 2019. Operators Union 302 announced that contributions to their health insurance will increase 6% for the next five years.

Our available pool of local labor is shrinking. Unlike other departments, we do not recruit statewide or nationally. Finding temps during certain times of the year is near impossible. There is a significant wage gap between Public Works package rates and state project employees package rates, private sector and federal projects package rates. (GHU, Ft. Wainwright, Clear, EAFB, pipeline, etc.)

Retaining and recruiting permanent employees and even temporary employees will impact our ability to efficiently and timely perform snow removal, maintain equipment, collect garbage and repair potholes.

## 2018-2019 Snow Plowing Schedule

The City of Fairbanks Public Works Department will be addressing the clearing of snow from the roadways within the City limits on a rotating schedule as noted below. This is an approximate 4-6-week turn around. If there is significant additional snowfall before the rotation ends, we will address the \*emergency areas and main thoroughfares immediately and then return to the residential rotation where we left off. The night shift will address the Downtown Core Area.

Below is the projected rotating snow removal schedule for RESIDENTIAL areas (day shift):

1. Rickert, Gateway, Bjerremark
2. EM Jones, South Westgate, Executive Park, Hilton Park, Westgate, Taku and Doyon Estates
3. Hamilton Acres South, Hamilton Acres North, Shannon Park
4. Aurora, Johnston, Brandt, Slaterville, and Graehl Subdivisions
5. Weeks Field Memorial Park, Mooreland Acres
6. Island Homes, East of Noble (Townsite Subdivision, Walden Estates)
7. Lemeta, Royal Court
8. Arctic Park

Yellow highlighted neighborhoods have had snow removed this winter 2018-2019. This season, our snow removal efforts have been significantly impacted by constant and repeated snow blower breakdowns and repairs. In 2019, two new snow blower attachments will be purchased but will not arrive until fall 2019.

## FAIRBANKS DRAFT ORV PROPOSAL

### Registration:

Decal required. An off-highway vehicle may not be operated by a person for off-road recreation within the city limits unless there is displayed in a conspicuous place a decal, in a form prescribed by the City of Fairbanks treasurer as visual proof that the following fees have been paid:

(a) a registration fee (\$150 fee for the owner of a single vehicle, good for the life of that vehicle when owned by the same operator.)

(b) when the vehicle will be used as provided in this section, the registration and taxation fees for the ORV as evidenced by presentation of an owner's certificate of registration and payment receipt. Law enforcement may confirm the registration status of the ORV by examining the current registration receipt for the vehicle or checking the electronic record of title for the vehicle.

(c) The decal must be serially numbered.

Enforcement. (1) The City of Fairbanks law enforcement shall enforce the provisions of this part.

### Fairbanks ORV Law

Authorized officers of the department are granted peace officer status with the power:

(a) of search, seizure, and arrest. (Similar to any other vehicle operating within the jurisdiction)

(b) to report violations to the city attorney of the jurisdiction in which they occur.

**Penalty** -- disposition. (1) The failure to display a valid decal indicating that the fee in lieu of tax, registration fees, decal fees, and, when applicable, taxes on licensed vehicles have been paid on the ORV, as provided is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of \$250 for the first offence and \$1000 for a second offence.

Regulation by local government precluded. No political subdivision may prescribe further licensing or registration of the ORV, and no political subdivision may levy fees or charges for use or operation of the ORV within the subdivision.



Duplicate decal. If a decal for the ORV fee has been paid is lost, mutilated, or becomes illegible, the person to whom it was issued shall immediately apply for and obtain a duplicate decal upon payment of a fee of \$50.

**ORV operator responsibilities.** An ORV operator shall:

Possess a valid driver's license

-provide proof of insurance while operating the ORV.

-accept all legal responsibility for injury or damage of any kind to the extent that the injury or damage results from risks inherent in the sport of off-highway vehicle use and shall regulate personal conduct at all times so that injury to self or other persons or property that results from the risks inherent in the sport of off-highway vehicle operation is avoided.

An off-highway vehicle operator is responsible for:

(a) knowing the ability to navigate any slope, trail, or area for off-highway vehicle use within the limits of the operator and ability, taking into consideration the conditions;

(b) maintaining control of speed and course at all times while operating the off-highway vehicle;

(c) heeding all posted warnings; and

(d) refraining from acting in a manner that may cause or contribute to the injury of anyone.

(4) The provisions of this section do not affect a products liability cause of action based upon the design or manufacture of off-highway equipment or products or safety equipment used incidental to the operation of an off-highway vehicle.

**Other items for discussion:**

Limited to roads under a specific speed limit? (some are , most are 45 and some ARE 35. Some are up to 55)

Requirement for goggles if a windshield is not installed or standard equipment on the ATV.

ORV designations, safety requirements, mandatory features required .