

Public Safety Meeting Minutes  
August 21, 2012

Call to order 10:00 A.M. by Chairwoman Szukala  
Prior meeting minutes approved. First Bill Rivera. Seconded by Andy Gonzalez.

Members in attendance: All  
Also in attendance: Keith Ahlstrom, Dave Ortolano, Stephanie Kiyak, Ron Szot.

Chief Ortolano talked about the new 911 smart system. Citizens decide how much info is put into system, which is done online at [www.smart911.com](http://www.smart911.com) Medical, # of children or pets, disabilities etc. Photos can also be added. Cell phone numbers can also be added. The advantage to adding cell numbers is once the phone makes a connection, even if its then lost the call can be tracked. There are 20 states linked to system right now. Gonzalez asked whether system is also in Spanish. Chief will look into it.

Shared services between the Town and city was discussed next. Contracts have been signed by both municipalities with a start date of September 1, 2012. Rivera asked where the target areas would be. Chief replied with Vineyard Drive businesses as well as a stronger police presence in residential areas. This is a trail, and will be assessed to determine if it is worth continuing.

Szukala brought up the gun buy back program next stating Buffalo has taken over 9000 guns off the streets in 5 years. Although Dunkirk and Buffalo are vastly different, the concept was worth looking into. \$\$ in the form of a prepaid gift card is given in exchange for a gun, and the \$\$ used to purchase gift cards came from the court system and forfeitures. Szot will contact Buffalo for more info. Rivera then asked about the break ins and thinks the curfew is not being enforced. Curfew in city is 11:00 p.m. under the age of 16. Gonzalez stated a large group gathers in Washington Park almost every evening where lighting is dim. Chief will notify the night shift supervisor. Gonzalez offered to write something in Spanish for Officer Zentz to include in School newsletter.

Chief Ahlstrom gave an update on the new rescue vehicle. November is the delivery goal. The truck is still in production. There may need to be lettering done, but Chief is trying to have the lettering complete before it is delivered. Estimate for lettering is \$1,500. Kiyak asked whether all vehicles in dept. are lettered. Chief replied yes, except for the chief car he uses. This one is not, but does have rescue lights. Kiyak asked about using a magnetic sign, chief will look into it.

Amount of income generated to the city from third party billing is \$92,794.30. This time is from Jan. 1 to the present date. \$2000 has been used on supplies, and \$5,800 was spent on billing company service. We are a little ahead of projected revenue.

Building repair was discussed next. Szukala wants the short term goal of repair, as a long term department goal is not in the budget. Building 3 and 4 have had minor roof repair

this year. Farrells roofing will be giving as estimate on HQ roof. Problem is rubber roof is separating from edges, causing leakage. The tower is also a major concern at HQ. Chief will continue to seek a resolution. The HQ building is on historic registry, as there are guidelines for work that need to be followed. Kiyak offered some information on the registry and feels it may have changed since Chief inquired last. Szukala requested an estimate on the tower removal.

Shared services with the village of Fredonia and the use of the ladder truck was discussed. Fredonia purchased a truck that is too large for navigating side streets. The city will need to purchase a new one in the future, so trying to share services with Fredonia is a possibility. Out ladder truck goes out on approx. 25-35 calls per year.

Szukala inquired about the infrared camera needed. Chief replied that a new one was purchased for \$7,000. This one is much smaller and can clip onto the firefighters uniform making it much easier to use.

The location of the two underwater cameras was also brought up. Chief replied that there was a box of equipment at HQ, and he would look to see what it contained. Since the meeting, he already replied via email that the cameras were in fact at HQ.

Lastly the volunteer firefighter process was discussed. We have 11 active volunteers. Fire police are separate but still fall under volunteers. Training for volunteers are done throughout the county 2x per year. Gonzalez asked if we had any Hispanic volunteers. Chief replied yes, 2 possibly 3.

Adjourned at 11:00 A.M. motion by Gonzalez, second by Rivera.