



City of Madison

City of Madison
Madison, WI 53703
www.cityofmadison.com

Meeting Minutes - Draft PUBLIC SAFETY REVIEW COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 13, 2012

5:00 PM

Madison Fire Department
Fire Station #7
1810 McKenna Blvd.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 7 -

Paul E. Skidmore; Jill Johnson; Merrilee Pickett; Ernest E. Horinek; David K. Dison; Matthew J. Phair and Chan M. Stroman

Excused: 3 -

Ryan M. Jennisen; Maurice S. Cheeks and John E. Keckhaver

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alder Skidmore made a motion to approve the February 20th meeting minutes. David Dison seconded the motion. The committee unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals.

Alder Skidmore made a motion to table item number 25606 until Captain Balles arrives. Alder Phair seconded the motion. The committee unanimously approved.

PRESENTATION FROM THE MADISON POLICE DEPARTMENT

1. [25606](#) Report on in-car video (Captain Balles, Madison Police Department)

Alder Skidmore moved to take item number 1 off the table. Merrilee Pickett seconded the motion. The committee unanimously approved.

Captain Balles from the South District shared information on the history of in-car video. He shared with the group that MPD began using in-car video in the mid to late 90's by nine officers in the Traffic Enforcement Safety Team which was VHS video tapes that an officer would manually remove from the trunk of the squad car at the end of their shift, property tag it and then return to the property room as evidence. He said there were literally thousands of tapes. In 2000, he said that the community was undergoing significant discussions on race relations were a task force was formed with the recommendation of

moving towards the installation of in-car video like the TEST unit but in all MPD squad cars. He shared at that time he was the Lieutenant in what is now called the "Information Technology and Management" section and that he was involved with the implementation from 2000 to 2006. He said that in 2004, 80 units were purchased to put in the marked squad car fleet which has grown to over 100 to 110 in marked and unmarked squad cars that have the first generation equipment. Now being 2012 the equipment he shared is about eight years old. He said that a lot of improvements have been made to keep the equipment up and running. He said in those squad cars there is a 30 gigabyte hard drive mounted in between the seats where the officer at the end their shift take the cable out and in the station plug it in so that the data downloads the information into a server. He said it is imperative to budget money and start a replacement process as technology has changed immensely and the long story short all equipment needs to be replaced in the squad cars. He said it will become quiet the project when it is undertaken.

2. [25605](#)

Report of the West District from Captain Wahl, West District Captain - Madison Police Department

Madison Police Department (MPD) West District Captain Wahl shared an overview with the committee on the West district. In addition as the Commander of the SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) team he briefed the committee on this unit. He began by sharing that out of the five MPD district stations that West district is the biggest and the busiest. He said that out of the population of approximately 220,000 residents in Madison that the west district covers 85,000 city residents which is over one-third of the population of the city with 28 square miles and 330 miles of roadway to cover. He shared that the district serves a wide diversity of area ranging from commercial locations, businesses, areas west of the beltline, new residential areas off of Hwy PD, mature residential areas, and high density housing. He then touched on the most common complaint that he receives is regarding traffic specifically speeding. He did say however that this is something that is also very consistent across the districts but given the proximity of the area it is a challenge. He mentioned that there are over 46,000 calls for service in a year making this an average of about 125 a day. He said some calls are very simple and others are very complicated that take hundreds of hours to resolve. He shared something that is being looked at this year as well as a couple of future long range items to keep in mind. He said that this year there is funding in the budget for \$30,000 to cover overtime costs to focus on the southwest safety initiative in the west district that are part of the neighborhood resource teams specifically Raymond Road corridor and the Allied Drive neighborhood. The money used will be primarily for comprehensive plan is being established to do as much as they can with the money over the summer. He said this will be brought back to this group and also Board of Estimates for final approval. He said into the future the big challenges that the Police Department is going to face is the disproportionate size of the workload in the West District. The building was built about ten years ago which begin with 58 employees when first opened and this year there are 84 with the same amount of square footage. He mentioned that this is also very consistent with what we are seeing at some of the other district stations as well. He said that the Police Department is in the process of exploring is adding a sixth district with redistricting the city with terms to police districts creating a mid-town station that would take a big chunk of the current west district as well as part of the south and central districts. He then said another potential that is being thought of is the Town of Madison annexation coming into the City of Madison

impacting the South district. He said the midtown is one strategy looking at to address that. In the next five years he said west of the beltline there are huge tracks of land in the city of Madison that are currently undeveloped but plotted and approved for future development. This is going to increase workload once developed.

He next shared information on the SWAT team where he said he took over Commander as of last January. He said previously he has served as a Lieutenant, Sergeant, and Officer for a total of eight years. He said this unit is a part-time team which all members of the department have full time jobs within the department serving as a patrol officer, detectives, and neighborhood officers. He said that they train regularly and when called up to perform they function as a SWAT member. He said there are a number of incidents which SWAT is used for and those are for barricaded people, armed people, high risk search warrants, and dignitary protection. He said that the unit takes a tremendous amount of training and equipment to keep the team trained up to a high level. There is a tactical element to the team, entry, containment, crisis negotiation, snipers, and tactical emergency medical known as TEMs. He said that paramedics from the Fire Department work along with training on the TEMs team.

NEW BUSINESS

3. [25320](#) Establishing a Glass-Free Zone for the West Mifflin Street area 8:00 a.m. on May 5, 2012 through 6:00 a.m. on May 6, 2012

Attachments: [Mifflin Street No Glass Map.pdf](#)

Alder Skidmore made a motion for approval. Alder Phair seconded the motion. The committee voted unanimously to approve item number 25320.

4. [25376](#) Establishing a voluntary program that would allow commissioned employees to voluntarily purchase heavy body armor (capable of stopping rifle rounds) for on-duty use, utilize the department's bulk purchasing power to order the body armor, and establish a repayment mechanism by which the cost of the heavy body armor would be recovered through deductions taken from the employee's paycheck.

Alder Skidmore moved approval. Alder Phair seconded the motion. The committee voted unanimously to approve item number 25376. Captain Lengfeld shared that what they are talking about is an exterior vest that will be able to stop high powered rifles. Officers would pay for this out of their pockets which cost about 400.00 each. He said the City has agreed them to allow payroll deduction beginning in April and the payoff date would be December. He said the City has allowed the officers to make a payroll deduction with a loan for about 30,000 for the officers to have the extra protection. He said the County also went in as well which he further said is a great deal because they are receiving a great product for about half the cost. He said last he knew there were about seventy-five officers who have signed up from our department.

This Resolution was RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER

5. [25494](#) Amending Sec. 23.54 of the Madison General Ordinances to include theft of

services and amending Sec. 1.08(3)(a) to add theft of services to the bail deposit listing.

Alder Skidmore moved approval. Alder Johnson seconded the motion. The committee voted unanimously to approve item number 25494. Captain Lengfeld explained that the state statute changed of retail to include services. This allows the City to write city ordinances of theft for the same types of theft that mirrors the state statute. He said this is a great improvement that will allow the officers to write city ordinance retail theft when services are taken.

This Ordinance was RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER

COMMITTEE REPORTS

6. [25607](#) Report of the Dane County 911 Center (Alder Skidmore)

Attachments: [February 15th, 2012 Dane County 911 Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

Alder Skidmore reported on the status of the radio project or otherwise known as Danecom. He said that there will be a large presentation from the Harris Corporation who is the contractor hired by the County for the radio project at the Alliant Energy Center. He said that there has been an extension submitted to the FCC to extend the project deadline. He said the Dane County 911 Center is currently going month to month as a group to see how it is going to work. He said there could be some significant ramifications if it doesn't work and are not able to meet the deadlines. He said as chair of the Dane County 911 Center Board he is asking from Harris Corporation updates along the way and has also invited them to present at the Dane County 911 Center Board. He said that he will continue to report back on this topic.

NEXT MEETING - Future agenda items, comment.

There was discussion from the committee on future agenda items that they would like to see come before the committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Alder Skidmore made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ernie Horinek seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm.

Tour of Fire Station #7 - Assistant Chief Popovich

Tour of West District - Captain Lengfeld
Location: 1710 McKenna Blvd.