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Meeting Minutes - Final

PUBLIC SAFETY REVIEW BOARD

Tuesday, February 14, 2006	5:00 PM	Madison Municipal Building, Room LL110

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Moen at 5:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

Present: Moen, Skidmore, Pasha, Lichtenheld, King, Scott; Excused: Bell

PUBLIC COMMENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Unanimously approved on motion by Skidmore, seconded by King.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

Police Department Crime Analysis (Nicole DeMoto)

Nicole DeMotto is a Problem Analyst for the Police Department - a position initially funded by a grant, now full-time. Has been assigned about 120 projects of which she has finished 70. A handout was provided giving examples of projects (e.g. Tactical Mapping for major events, Gun Calls for service, Traffic Accident analysis) and the types of analyses done. About 35% of large projects were problem analyses. The bulk of problems are for the Central District and are alcohol-related. Investigative analysis is done to help detectives solves cases. Intelligence analysis aids with cases involving gangs and gang violence. Work is being done to try to develop more automation and mapping capabilities. A model is St. Louis with their public crime mapping accessibility.

New World Data Overview (Police - Lt. Joe Balles)

Lt. Balles has been working with Information Management and Technology for the past 10 years. The data collection process for the police department is accomplished by the reports written by officers. The report model remains that from the 1960's: the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) which has 9 categories (this is since the 1930's). The Department is slowly moving towards an Incident-based Reporting System which has 46 different elements. This is a monumental process to change over, with 157,000 responses to police calls per year. A "data dictionary" per se does not exist which can easily be printed out for members. The department continues to work toward more automation and information-gathering which will be useful both to department and other interested public parties.

02746   Creating Section 23.065 of the Madison General Ordinances to prohibit placing scratchiti or etching acid on public or private property and establishing penalties for these offenses, and amending Section 1.08(3)(a) to establish a bail deposit amount for violations of the section.

Sponsors: Zachariah Brandon

Refer For Attorney Review to the Attorney's Office/Approval Group Ald. Brandon addressed this issue; Judge Koval endorses the proposed ordinance. This would make scratchiti a separate issue from graffiti. Scratchiti creates acid and etching damage which are permanent and have potential health hazards. In San Francisco, new law enacted for scratchiti gives fines of up to $40,000 + jail time. Targeted areas for scratchiti are businesses, bus shelters and inside bus windows. The ordinance would help to raise awareness of the growing problem. PSRB members felt that this legislation was too similar to that already on the books for graffiti and a distinct separation for scratchiti was needed. King moved, Pasha seconded and members unanimously approved a motion to refer this item to the City Attorney for a Substitute with a recommendation for a definition of scratchiti that is exclusive of traditional graffiti.

Fire Department Report

A/C Kieken reported that "NIFERS" - their data collection dictionary - was implemented in August. Training for entering this data is still ongoing. Fire does not have a data analysis person so this is limited to the time available from current staff. Dispatch calls through 911 have been determined either emergency or non-emergency by dispatchers. Fire felt this should be an operational decision since some 59% were life-assisted by Fire, so this is now an operational decision. Address data bases are different within different local agencies and even city departments. Fire is working with Information Services as the lead agency for a single standard system for all. A third fire death for 2006 has occurred - highly unusual as there were none in 2005.   Causes include non-functioning smoke detectors and resident(s) calling 911 instead of getting out of the burning structure.

Discussion on EMS training of 2/4/06

Time constraints did not allow a discussion of this item - to be placed on March agenda.

Discussion on future agenda items and timing for them

Time constraints did not allow discussion of this item - to be placed on March agenda.

Standing Committee Reports

Time constraints did not allow a discussion on this item.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM on motion by King, seconded by Scott.