



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes - Approved PUBLIC SAFETY REVIEW COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 8, 2011

5:00 PM

City of Madison Police Department
211 South Carroll Street
Room - Gr-22 (City-County Building)
Central Community Room

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 8 -

Paul E. Skidmore; Bryon A. Eagon; Christopher P. Klein; Michael S. Scott;
Bret M. Gundlach; Chan M. Stroman; Steve King and Matthew J. Phair

Excused: 1 -

Tyrone W. Bell

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alder Skidmore made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from December 16, 2010. Alder Eagon seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [19169](#) CHARTER ORDINANCE Creating Section 8.32 of the Madison General Ordinances to establish rules for the treatment of lost or abandoned property found on public property.

Captain Wahl indicated that the Charter Ordinance Creating Section 8.32 of the Madison General Ordinances to establish rules for the treatment of lost or abandoned property found on public property was not initiated by the Police Department and that he had concerns on the Charter Ordinance. This item number has been placed on file for several months to allow the sponsoring Alders to share information at a PSRC meeting to discuss further. Emily Hardiman, staff to the PSRC committee will contact the sponsoring Alders and invite them to the March 8th, 2011 meeting. At this time Alder Skidmore moved to place item number 19169 on file without prejudice. Alder Eagon seconded the motion. The Committee unanimously approved.

REPORTS

2. [21341](#) Madison Police Department: Information on Verified Response

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[20110210092533790.pdf](#)

Captain Wahl gave an update on Madison Police Departments (MPD) verified response alarm ordinance. He said that the ordinance was put in place to reduce the number of false alarms that the Police Department responds to where prior to 2007 the police department responded to an average of 4,800 alarms every year from 2003 to 2006. In most cases, 98 percent of the alarms were false having a huge impact on police resources. He said that MPD's verified response protocol would not respond to mechanically activated commercial alarms unless there was a verified problem. However, the 911 Dispatch Center will send out a broadcast and file and if an officer is in the location and available the officer can drive by and check it out but the officer is not typically dispatched to the location. Six to eighteen months after verified response was activated he said that there was an increase in commercial burglaries but that he didn't believe it was due to the verified response as a result. The MPD did temporarily change the policy where police will respond to alarms from 10pm-6am and that Commanders have the authority to temporarily deviate from verified response or concerns. He also said that there are still plenty of alarms that the police department will respond to which are any manually activated alarms, panic alarms, hold up alarms, or when someone has pushed the alarm button by mechanically activating. MPD will also continue to respond to residential alarms, governmental and audible alarms. By going to verified response saves about 1,500 hour of officer's time per year.

COMMITTEE REPORT

3. [21342](#) Report from the 911 Center Board

Alder Skidmore who serves on the 911 Center Board briefed the committee with regard to the interoperable radio system. He said that the County has decided to enter into a contract agreement with a company called the Harris Group. He said that the County is going to break their contract with the City and that they would be going with a private contractor for the operations and the maintenance of the radios. Previously, the City has held the contract and has serviced the radios for over forty years

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The committee discussed future business items that they would like to see on the agenda. Suggestions included hearing from the Madison Police Department Educational Resource Officers, update on tasers, high call locations from the Madison Fire and Police Departments, state of neighborhoods in Madison, and call screening from the 911 Center.

ADJOURNMENT

Alder Eagon made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Chan Stroman seconded

the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 5:50p.m.