



City of Madison
Meeting Minutes - Final
PUBLIC SAFETY REVIEW BOARD

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Tuesday, March 14, 2006

5:00 PM

Room LL110 - Madison Municipal Building

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:00 PM by Chair Moen.

ROLL CALL

Present: Ald. Paul E. Skidmore, Larry Pasha, Michael S. Scott and Terry E. Moen

Excused: Ald. Austin W. King, Tyrone W. Bell and Adam G. Lichtenheld

PUBLIC COMMENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Under "Fire Department Report", AC Keiken asked to have the Minutes amended as follows: "AC Keiken reported that Cityscape is the Fire Department's records management system and they have provided a data dictionary to the PSRB for NFIRS and EMS reports. The command staff is developing reports for this system . The Fire Department does not have a data analysis person so the command staff is also responsible for the development of any reports with their limited time available. The Dane County ALS Advisory Committee and the 911 Center Board had proposed dispatching Fire Department units as emergency or non-emergency. The calls they would code as non-emergency would be Omega's, Alpha's and some Bravo calls. A review of the calls between August 2005 and January 2006 found at least 5% of these patients required Advanced Life Support care during the call and the Fire Department believes this is an unacceptable operational decision best left to the Department's command staff. Mapping within the City may be different between agencies. Information Services is the lead agency in the City to bring everyone's data together into a standardized system for all to use. A third fire death for 2006 has occurred. This is highly unusual as there were none in 2005. Causes include non-functioning smoke detectors and residents not escaping prior to calling 911 from outside the burning structure. With these changes, minutes were unanimously approved on a motion by Pasha, seconded by Scott.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

02746

SUBSTITUTE - Amending Section 23.06 and creating Section 23.065 of the Madison General Ordinances to clarify the distinction between graffiti and scratchiti, 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 Section 23.06

A motion was made by Scott, seconded by Pasha, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER Alder Brandon spoke on behalf of this proposed ordinance. One direct aim is to raise public awareness of this crime both by making it a separate issue from graffiti and by its substantial fines The motion passed by acclamation.

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Overview of Traffic Stops (Police)

Chief Wray distributed a Table of Contents for the previously sent Traffic Stop Data Analysis Project. He gave members historical perspectives leading to the late summer and early fall forums on Traffic Stops. He and Captain McLay gave information on data collection efforts, bench marking, assessment of racial profiling, observations of the data and recommendations based on the data - all key elements in the project. Fifteen current initiatives are also underway. The "4 C's" of the subject are: Culture (departmental training etc.), Collection of data, Community involvement, and Continuous review of policies and procedures. An effort to improve quality of benchmarks within specific groups is a key component. Some 2006 efforts include: Unconscious bias training at police in-service, explanation to officers of why they are collecting information on traffic stop cards, sharing of data and how the department views this, and a citizen's academy (currently comprised of civilians in department as a trial group - will select a targeted group next). The average monthly total of traffic stop cards is 150-250 which seems somewhat low. Questions were asked concerning the running of vehicle registrations and/or drivers' licenses - are these documented as stops? What information will be captured when police go to the E-citation system? Are verbal warnings captured as stops? Traffic enforcement is often a low priority but is #1 complaint of citizens. Department is working towards a balance as to how to approach the many faceted, difficult problem of traffic stops - both for moving violations and non-moving - and what data is collected and how it is/can be used. Chief will continue to keep PSRB updated on the subject. Pasha moved, Skidmore seconded and committee voted unanimously to accept the report with the stipulation that there continue to be discussion in future meetings.

Fire Department Report

AC Keiken reported that February had been a quiet month per se. About 1600 calls for service were made. He asked members if the Summary of Fire Incident Activity was helpful - other items needed/wanted in it? More detail desired in EMS calls report? Specific type calls (e.g. Alpha) will be broken out. Response times will be discussed at a future meeting. Staffing for high rise fires, ambulances and fire equipment having to continually crisscross the city (out of assigned districts) etc. continue to be safety issues of concern. A mandate for sprinklers in all new construction (including single dwelling residences) would be a great step forward. Suggestion to have Ed Ruckriegel of MFD come to a future meeting. This would help the committee to be out in front of issues and able to influence policy rather than just reacting to it.

Discussion of EMS Training on 2/4/06

Those who attended were very favorably impressed with Dr. Birmbaun's presentation, and hope the City will take advantage of his knowledge in emergency planning. His information is data driven rather than intuition.

Standing Committee Reports

Skidmore reported on 911 Center Board - Middleton and Sun Prairie police departments want 911 cellular calls to go to them but the cellular phone companies do not feel they can parcel them out separately. The 911 Center is against this as it would be a huge logistical problem. The Board has no veto power - the ultimate decision will be with the cellular phone companies. Mayor, City Attorney, Police and Fire Departments are actively lobbying for a central center (911) for all cellular calls. Pasha reported that the Sensitive Crimes Committee continues to meet and work on victim services and how they fit into the emergency system. They are looking at a Denver model. Changes are made to their developing policy as each new training session is attended.

Discussion on future agenda items and timing for them

Time did not allow discussion of this item.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM on a motion by Skidmore, seconded by Pasha.