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HEALTH & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 4, 2021 - 6:00 PM
Virtual Webex Meeting

Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairperson Coalier
Trustee Haskins
Trustee Brown
Chief Sullivan-Absent
Interim Chief, Capt. Dolinac-Absent
Lt. Acevedo
SORS Chief Rothstien
Mr. Festa, Health Officer-Absent
Mr. Egelberg, OEM Coordinator
Mr. Battaglia, Village Engineer
Joycelyn White, Recording Secretary

Approval of Minutes

- **August 12, 2021**
- **September 09, 2021**

All members present approved the August 12, 2021 & September 9th, 2021 meeting minutes.

Report Summary & Questions, Follow Up and New Items

General (Impacts all)

Health & Public Safety Meeting Re-org

Trustee Coalier discussed reorganizing the committee meeting by staggering the department reports. Each month would be dedicated to a specific department and their important matters. Discussion ensued. The committee tabled this matter to discuss the schedule offline.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment on the general items.

New Items

There were no new items.

Health**Report Summary & Questions**

In the absence of Mr. First, the committee will review the October Board of Health report and any questions will be forwarded and discussed at the next HPS meeting.

Public Comment

There was no public comment on the health report.

New Items

There were no new items.

OEM**Report Summary & Questions**

Last month, Mr. Egelberg attended the Cannabis Task Force meeting. The Ordinance will be presented to the Board of Trustees within a few weeks. In regards to Tropical Storm Ida, Coordinator Egelberg is working with the various departments in regards to FEMA reimbursements and insurance. OEM has had two meetings with FEMA and will be welcoming FEMA representatives to South Orange on November 5th to tour the damage around town and Public Works. It is the hope of the OEM Coordinator to move the DPW offices and start rebuilding instead of repairing what is currently there. The tour will provide answers from FEMA to questions about what the village is looking to do.

Public Comment

There was no public comment on the OEM report.

New Items

There were no new items.

Rescue



Report Summary & Questions

The SORS attended the Halloween Parade at Spiotta Park and provided standby at the CHS football games. The Rescue Squad hosted Cub Scouts and taught them basic first aid. On November 13, 2021, SORS will be hosting a flu vaccine clinic and are accepting sign-ups. Mr. Egelberg suggested Chief Rothstien contact Health Officer Festa to help spread the word to the residents. The Trustee share on their social media. The first AED and station has been installed at the South Orange Public Library. Lastly, Chief Rothstien stated the rescue squad had acquired a few pallets of hand sanitizer. So far, they have distributed close to 10 gallons to both the Police Department and the Public Library and will be donating to other departments and working with South Orange Downtown to distribute to businesses.

CC&J Update

Chief Rothstien stated the squad conducted ride-alongs with the CC&J stand and announced patient referrals had begun. CC&J will hold referral interviews at the SORS building. Trustee Coallier asked the Chief to detail the number of referrals given in his report for the month.

Public Comment

There was no public comment on the SORS report.

New Items

There were no new items.

Fire

In the absence of Chief Sullivan, the Fire Department report will be made at the next meeting on December 9, 2021.

Police

Report Summary & Questions

In the absence of Chief Dolinac, Lt. Acevedo detailed the monthly report. In the month of October there were 24 Part-1 crimes, bringing the total (year to date) to 168 Part-1 crimes. The clearance rate for October was 42%, year to date was 47%. There were 919 motor vehicle summonses issued for the month, bringing the total so far for the year to 9,765 summonses. Lt. Acevedo stated there were 803 total hours of overtime for the department, with 607 being used by police personnel. Lt. Acevedo announced the body-worn cameras have been delivered to the department but will stay in storage until the I.T. Department are able to set up the



infrastructure. Since the infrastructure will be updated, the department will migrate the old data from the old server to the new. Lt. Avcevedo is taking inventory of all the equipment, such as docking stations , smart stations and other back end equipment. Discussion is being had within the department on where to house this new equipment. More details will be reported in the upcoming HPS meeting. The department received two new vehicles through the Enterprise Fleet Management Plan. Currently, the SOPD is in the process of completing I.C.A.T training. This is mandated by the Attorney General's guidelines and must be completed by April of 2022. Every officer must complete the 20hrs of training. Lt. Acevedo added that at least half of the department has completed the training. Discussion ensued regarding overtime as it relates to the training.

Digital Video System

The Community Police Collaborative has received an updated policy, which was discussed at their meeting last month. Lt. Acevedo is waiting to review their feedback. Trustee Coalier asked for a 2020 versus 2021 comparison for Part-I crimes as it relates to digital cameras.

CC&J Update

As mentioned by Chief Rothstien, SOPD is training with the CC&J staff and has started the referral program. The SOPD will be focusing on mental health, homelessness and drug abuse. Also, the main focus is helping people who don't have resources in place.

Public Comment

New Items

Lt. Acevedo stated that the department is currently drafting their capital budget request and will have it ready for the presentation meeting to the BOT.

Traffic Safety

Report Summary & Questions

Lt. Avecedo discussed the following:

- Monthly statistics report.
- Irvington & Ward
- Lock your Door Campaign
- Pedestrian Crosswalk Grant



In response to Trustee Haskins, Lt. Acevedo detailed what contributed to the recent pedestrian crash incident. The Lieutenant briefed the committee on the progress of the Enterprise Fleet Management program. Due to the low inventory of vehicles at the police department, the committee discussed ways to use officers without vehicles and realistic staffing needs.

Ida Impact & Recovery

There was no report.

Follow up: Annual Traffic Safety Report & Essex County

There was no report.

Road Repair/Safety Upgrade Process- Local & County

Mr. Battaglia stated that Grove Road repavement is complete and the village is done paving for the year due to going into the colder months. Though Mr. Battaglia will not be attending the FEMA meeting, but once reimbursement fees are received, it will be applied to reconstructing the damaged roads. Mr. Battaglia also discussed the RFP Road Assessment.

Mobility Action Committee

There was no report.

Public Comment

Mr. Battaglia addressed Ms. Pearl Feder who spoke at last month's meeting regarding an upper Wyoming traffic concern. After reviewing Ms. Feder's video, and discussed with the committee at length. Mr. Battaglia doesn't believe a stop-sign is needed. However, painting will be addressed in that area.

New Items

There were no new items.

Executive Session

No Executive Session

Next Meeting Date

December 9, 2021

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13pm.

