

# **City Council Public Safety Committee** Committee Meeting No. 2016-1 January 7, 2016 6:00pm Mukilteo City Hall

Committee Members Present:

**Council President Champion** Councilmember Cook

City Staff: Mayor Gregerson **Police Chief Macklin** 

Fire Chief Alexander

Committee Members Absent:

Guests: Fire Chief Widdis. FD 1 Councilmember Schmalz

Commissioner David Chan, FD 1 Commissioner Jim McGaughey, FD 1

### **Meeting Notes**

- 1. Chief Macklin presented the Police Department report and answered questions.
- 2. The committee participated in a conversation with the Fire District 1 representatives on items of mutual interest, including an update on the District 1/Lynnwood project, opportunities to build on the strengths of both departments, and input on the direction of an ILA after the current one expires 12/31/16. The committee and district representatives agreed to meeting again at the March PSC meeting.
- 3. Chief Alexander presented the Fire Department report and answered questions.



## Fire Department

### Public Safety Committee Report January 7, 2015

- 1. New World CAD is up and running. The next step is automated station alerting using Locution. SNOCOM needs to put some pieces in place before individual departments can inplement. Each station is estimated to cost \$15,000.
- 2. Crews are wearing new black uniforms. Waiting on some uniform items to finish up the order. There is a new look of pride around the department!
- 3. Meeting scheduled with Finance this month to work on updates to the ambulance billing process. Will include implementation of the debt modification policy, as well as the refunds process. New rates went into effect January 1.
- 4. A pre-construction walk-through for facility renewal in the fire stations was today. Contractor toured the additional areas for potential work and asked to develop a cost scope for the work.
- 5. Bid documents released for the fire station vehicle exhaust system replacement. Bids are due back January 21, with presentation to Council on February 8<sup>th</sup>.
- 6. Fire fighter/paramedic staffing at both stations started January 1, 2016.
- 7. We are partnering with Lynnwood Fire and Fire District 1 on a regional application for a Assistance to Firefighters Grant. The focus will be on wild land equipment and training for interested personnel. There will be a 20% match needed if the grant is awarded. One of the department's long range goals would be to have a brush truck and send it on state deployments. The department would have full use of the vehicle, equipment and trained personnel when not deployed.
- 8. Lynnwood Fire is looking at our split medic deployment and considering modeling it in their system. Their unit and the Edmonds ambulance are the only two-medic units left in the southwest part of the county. A meeting at their station evolved into what an EMS system in our "region" might resemble in the future.
- 9. Letters are being prepared for businesses (sample attached). Business inspections will start in the next few weeks.

### Personnel Items

- 1. The department currently has one fire fighter/paramedic and two fire fighter/EMT vacancies. In addition, one fire fighter/EMT is working in the office on light duty and one Captain is off after knee replacement surgery. We are currently working with HR to hire a fire fighter/paramedic from the existing civil service list and to establish a fire fighter/EMT hiring list to fill the other vacancies. Overtime costs are expected to start high for the year to cover the vacancies.
- 2. LeRoy McNulty has agreed to continue as our part time Fire Marshal until the new Assistant Chief is hired. The department is working with HR to advertise that opportunity. Tentative start date will be the end of March.



**Public Safety Committee Meeting Report** 

Police Department Update prepared by Chief Macklin

January 7, 2016 meeting

- 1. Cheol Kang was promoted to Commander effective December 1, 2016. We are fortunate that he accepted the position. All five Sergeants and one of the Detectives made more that the Commander's position in 2015. The compression of wages makes succession planning difficult.
- 2. Officer Rexach last day with the department was December 15, 2015. He took a lateral transfer to the King County Sheriff's Office. He indicated that he was leaving for a pay raise as well as a take home car. His leaving gave us three open positions. Two police officers and the Support Services Supervisor.
- 3. Community Service Officer/Park Ranger Lane Byers applied for a lateral police officer position with us. His first day as an officer will be January 11, 2016. He is filling the vacancy created when Chief Caldwell retired. He is entering three months of field training & will attend a two week Equivalency Academy before being assigned to solo patrol in approximately May.
- 4. Loralie Carlson will be starting as our Support Services Supervisor on January 26, 2016. She currently holds that same position in Arlington.
- 5. I hope to hold oral boards for the remaining open police officer position the first week in February.
- 6. The windstorm event the week of November 16, 2015 caused a failure of the system controlling the electronic security and access of our facility. The City Council approved some repairs, and FEMA will cover some costs as well. Mary Thomas is getting bids from contractors to perform the repairs.
- 7. Our patrol squads rotated shifts at the beginning of January.
- 8. Crime Prevention Officer Colt Davis received a National Award on the Police Departments behalf recognizing outstanding participation in "America's Night Out Against Crime" from the National Association of Town Watch for our 2015 event. This is the second consecutive year the Mukilteo Police Department has been so honored.
- 9. Chief Macklin and Crime Prevention Officer Davis met with Mayor Gregerson, and Management Services Director Phillips re: planning Partnerships/Youth Substance Abuse Prevention and Mental Health outreach events for the year. We hope to host/partner on one event each quarter. Officer Davis will present a briefing on our plans at a future meeting.



## Police Department

- 10. The "Together We Can" task force was officially renamed the Mukilteo Youth Coalition, and is under new leadership. They met late last month and have another meeting on January 20, 2016.
- 11. Bi-monthly supervisor meeting scheduled for next week.
- 12. We are planning our 12<sup>th</sup> Citizen's academy in mid-September. We are expanding it to 9 weeks this year and have increased the content.
- 13. Officer Andy Jones started working with the North Sound Metro Special Weapons and Tactics team in October after he completed the 60 hour Basic SWAT school.
- 14. We had 114 burglaries in 2015. This was up from the 107 we had in 2014, but down from our average of 130 burglaries we normally have in a year. Only 12 burglaries in 2015 were in Neighborhood Block Watch areas. We currently have 49 active Neighborhood Block Watches. We have two new block watch groups trying to form.
- 15. We held three women's beginning self-defense classes and one advanced class in 2015. 70 women attended the classes.
- 16. In 2015 we had 28 requests for extra traffic enforcement related to the City Traffic Calming program. We completed 75 hours of directed enforcement in those areas.