

APPROVED 3/4/21

**UNITED CITY OF YORKVILLE
PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING
Thursday, January 7, 2021 6:00pm
City Hall Council Chambers
800 Game Farm Road, Yorkville, IL**

Note: This meeting was held in accordance with Public Act 101-0640 and Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation issued by Governor Pritzker pursuant to the powers vested in the Governor under the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act. Due to the current Covid-19 pandemic, The United City of Yorkville is encouraging social distancing by allowing remote attendance at the Public Safety Committee meeting.

In Attendance:

Vice-Chairman Joel Frieders/remote Alderman Daniel Transier/remote
Alderman Jackie Milschewski/remote

Absent: Seaver Tarulis

Other City Officials in Attendance:

City Administrator Bart Olson/in-person Sgt. Garrett Carlyle/in-person
Police Chief Jim Jensen/in-person Deputy Chief Behr Pfizenmaier/in-person

Others in Attendance: none

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Vice-Chairman Joel Frieders.

Item #3 under New Business was moved up on the agenda.

New Business:

3. PS 2021-03 Crisis Intervention Team Program Presentation

Chief Jensen said this program was one of the department goals on which he has been working with Deputy Chief Pfizenmaier and Sgt. Garrett Carlyle. He said Officer Rob Hart and Officer Nick Mertes were also involved. He turned the presentation over to Mr. Pfizenmaier.

The Deputy Chief described the various components of the program. The purpose is to improve the department's response to incidents with people who are known to have mental or developmental challenges, domestic violence or are dealing with some other

crisis. A recent incident reflected how an officer was able to develop a rapport with a person in crisis and diffused a tense situation. He also discussed the 40-hour training and certification for the program and said there are 12 officers currently certified. Sgt. Carlyle said the program encourages being proactive, investing in the citizens and following up with families on a personal level.

Sgt. Carlyle said the Citizens at Risk program works in tandem with the Crisis Intervention. The department has drafted a voluntary registration form to gather medical or personal information for future contacts. Deputy Chief Pfizenmaier noted that in April last year, 30 contacts were identified.

Committee members praised the program which will go live this month. Mental health for the officers and civilians will also be a focus in 2021 and Chief Jensen said all officers will undergo a mental health checkup

Citizen Comments: None

Minutes for Correction/Approval: November 5, 2020
The minutes were approved as presented on a verbal vote.

New Business cont.

1. PS 2021-01 Monthly Report Review for October and November 2020

Chief Jensen commented that most of the overtime on these reports is reimbursible. An IDOT grant has also been received for DUI and speeding enforcement and overtime for those purposes is reimbursed. He reported on the initiatives undertaken, training, vehicle accidents, crimes etc. Of note, was the increase of ID theft reported. A 2020 annual report will be compiled in February or March.

2. PS 2021-02 Adjudication Reports for November and December 2020

There were several reports regarding trailers being parked unattached along the roadways. The Chief also briefly pointed out a couple of the citations not usually written.

4. PS 2021-04 Information Item Only: Police Department Adoption of the 10 Shared Principles Adopted by the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police and the NAACP

This program was developed by the Illinois Chiefs of Police and NAACP in March 2018. The two groups held meetings and discussed working together on current social issues. The 10 Principles were developed as a result, which the PD adopted in 2020. This item will be brought to the January 26th Council meeting with the President of the Illinois Chiefs of Police also speaking. Illinois is the first state to have this partnership. Alderman Frieders said he is an ardent supporter of this program and he asked the Chief to constantly reinforce these principles.

Old Business: None

Additional Business

Alderman Milschewski said people park on the parkway where there are no curbs/gutters in her neighborhood, damaging the grass and impeding snowplowing. She asked who is responsible for enforcement. Chief Jensen asked for specific address and said his department would address the issue.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 6:58pm.

Minutes transcribed by
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