

UNITED CITY OF YORKVILLE
PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING
Thursday, July 1, 2021 6:00pm
City Hall Conference Room
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.

NOTE: All attendees were in-person.

In Attendance:

Chairman Dan Transier
Alderman Seaver Tarulis

Alderman Matt Marek
Alderman Jackie Milschewski

Other City Officials in Attendance:

Police Chief Jim Jensen
Sgt. Garrett Carlisle

Deputy Chief Behr Pfizenmaier

Others in Attendance: None

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Chairman Dan Transier.

Chairman Transier asked to amend the agenda by moving item #3 to be the first discussion.

Citizen Comments: None

Minutes for Correction/Approval: March 4, 2021

The minutes were approved as presented.

New Business:

3. PS 2021-16 Crisis Intervention Team (C.I.T.) Program Update (out of sequence)

Deputy Chief Pfizenmaier said the C.I.T. Program started this year. It focused on mental health, but also dealt with Alzheimers, developmental disabilities and autism and they

tried to determine how to reach those segments of the population. He said the mental health calls are higher than he expected for the halfway point of the year with 77 cases. There were some voluntary and involuntary committals to mental health facilities and the officers do follow-ups if the family desires. He said 25 individuals are registered with the Citizen At Risk program. The Deputy Chief said that 40 hours of classroom training are required to be a C.I.T. officer. Currently 16 officers have completed this training which is 50% of the force. An officer also must be on the department for 2 years prior to training.

Sgt. Carlyle shared some of the positive incidents officers have encountered. He said officers are using many of the C.I.T. techniques in other calls for service. Follow-up to these types of calls is required and a packet of information is available for the families. Sgt. Carlyle added that he would like to initiate more involvement with kids whose family structure is more challenged.

A special event is being planned for August 14 and will be held at Go For It Sports dome. The Police Department will reach out to special needs families and various activities are being planned. An invitation was extended to Oswego and Kendall County to participate as well. Alderman Milschewski said she was very proud of the department for participating in the C.I.T. project and Chairman Transier added that it is important to start with young kids who are affected. Chief Jensen said his department would like to work with the school district to help relieve anxiety for the special needs kids since they are very schedule-driven.

1. PS 2021-14 Monthly Report Review for February – May 2021

Chief Jensen highlighted the stats and other information for March, April and May. He said Covid had a big impact on the numbers in March and reports were actually down. He said the department is now up 1900 calls. Three new officers began in February and he said the department no longer has part-time police officers due to the intense training required. He said some of the overtime continues to be reimbursed. Chief Jensen briefly discussed canine units saying it is expensive to have them. He also reported on the number of accidents and noted that Rte. 126 and 47 continues to be the site of many crashes. He reported on the Part I and Part II crimes and also noted that identity theft greatly increased. Calls for service and written warnings were also up and he added that very little money actually comes back to the city from tickets that are written. Gas prices have risen, but he said car maintenance has been low.

Chief Jensen then reviewed May more in-depth. He said there was an increase in training in May including “train the trainer”. A new intern who resides in Oswego has also been hired and the previous intern has finished the program. He noted Yorkville's “response to resistance” training is nationally accredited and is also used by other area departments. There were a number of crashes at Rt. 47 and 34 which he hopes to reduce. Officers are doing traffic enforcement and issuing many written warnings. Overall the number of reports taken significantly increased and the calls for service were up year over year from January-May. FYI.

2. PS 2021-15 Adjudication Reports for March – June 2021

Violations included parking on the streets after snow storms, curfew, cannabis and a non-functioning car parked on the street. FYI.

4. PS 2021-17 Selection of Committee Liaisons

Chairman Transier volunteered to serve as School Board liaison.

5. PS 2021-18 Meeting Dates

The Committee agreed to keep the Public Safety meetings every other month on Thursday.

Old Business: None

Additional Business

Chief Jensen said the department has been working with the owners of Raging Waves Waterpark after a disturbance that occurred there. The owners are trying to improve security and the police are increasing their foot patrols there. He said there has been a number of incidents at waterparks around the country. Ms. Milschewski asked if there are cameras in the parking lot, which is not known at this time.

The Chief also reported the department is getting ready for the July 4th parade and also for National Night Out in August.

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

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