

MINUTES

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Public Safety Commission Meeting Date: January 18, 2017

Date of Approval: January 30, 2017

Call to Order: This meeting of the Public Safety Commission was held in the Library Community Room on January 18, 2017 at 5:30 pm.

Members in Attendance: Bob Duis (on the telephone), Jim Stanford, Kay Clements

Members Not in Attendance: Judy Erekson, Judy Ewald

Others in Attendance: Natalie Helms\CVN, Jan Hill, Bill McCord, Emily Files\KHNS, Mike Case, Mike Denker, Carol Tuynman, Trent, Michael Fullerton, Ron Jackson, JR Churchill, Tim Holt, Jenn Walsh, Brian Clay, Margaret Friedenauer, Brad Ryan, Tina Olsen, Jila Stuart, Candace Mustard-Scott, Dave McCandles, Tom Morphet, Chris Brown, CJ Jones, Brayton Long, Josh Dryden and others.

Agenda approval: Kay Clements moved that the Agenda be approved; it was seconded and passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

Mike Denker- Wants statistics from the police department for a baseline.

Police Chief Heath Scott- The Uniform Crime Report and monthly CAD update will be provided to anyone who wants it. It will also be available on the Police's facebook page. The 2016 report is in process and will be complete by Spring.

Staff Comments: *Overview of how things are going in Police, Fire, EMS and Search and Rescue departments.*

Fire Department- *Brian Clay-* No fires to report. No rising needs right now, putting together their budget requests for the future. Water sources are fine here but it's a big issue out the road. Haines responds to house fires out the road with our tanker. Not short personnel. Chief Clay is worried about responder safety this time of year.

EMS- *Brian Clay.* They are busy. EMT class may be provided later, we have five instructors in town now. Klehini has ETTs not EMTs. Firefighter I course is very expensive so we have not offered it and we have no training officer on site (300 hr course).

Jen Walsh- EMTs are not fully staffed on weekends so it is sometimes tough when people are out of town.

Search and Rescue- *Tim Holt-* Associated under non-profit HVFD- they provide avalanche training, doing one training a month on their own and one business meeting a month. Part of Alaska Search and Rescue- liability is covered under AWT. Haines Borough ambulances cannot go off the road system due to insurance concerns so they started this organization.

SEARHC- *Dave McCandless-* Supports the search and rescue efforts.

Alaska State Troopers- Mayor Jan Hill provided an update explaining that the current AST position will remain vacant and may be cut in its entirety. We will still have our AWT.

New Business:

Chief Heath Scott provided a power point presentation. The Police Department is running severally over budget due, in part, to significant overtime, standby time and having to provide emergency response out of the townsite (Haines Highway, Lutak and Mud Bay). The current deficit is \$31,290 as of the end of December. Total deficit is likely to be \$63,000. The Budget did not consider when officers were on vacation or in training- this creates more overtime which was not budgeted. We have not sustained 4 officers for a long time so we did not see it.

Committee Comments:

Jim Stanford - Medical Service Fund could be redefined as EMS, Search and Rescue and Police Emergency Services Fund and could be increased in order to provide services out the road and throughout the borough. He would favor increased mill rates to cover it out the road.

Motion: Bob Duis moved that the Public Safety Commission urge the Assembly to adopt a budget amendment to cover the Police Department's estimated \$63,000 shortfall. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Motion: Kay Clements moved that the August 15, 2016 minutes be approved; the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: TBD.

Adjournment: Absent objection, the meeting was adjourned.

By: Alekka Fullerton, Deputy Clerk