

**CITY OF MONONA
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Conference Room
5211 Schluter Road
Wednesday- July 22, 2020**

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm

2. **Roll Call:**

Committee Members Present: Thomas (ZOOM-Conference Room), Moore (ZOOM), Bisbee (ZOOM), Fontaine (ZOOM), Reed (ZOOM), Rehberg (ZOOM), Miley (ZOOM), and Henderson (ZOOM)

Committee Members Absent: Hanson

Staff Present: Police Chief Ostrenga (ZOOM), Interim Fire Chief Eklof (ZOOM), Police Lieutenant Deuman (ZOOM), Police Lieutenant Wiegel (ZOOM) and Director of Administrative Services Leah Kimmell (ZOOM-Conference Room).

Others Present: none

3. **Minutes:** A motion was made by Moore, seconded by Reed, to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2020 meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

4. **Appearances:**

Mary Ann Reed, 5602 Winnequah. Thank you for your work to improve public safety in Monona, especially in police relations. After reviewing the use of force reports, had concerns about people who were impaired and they were using knee strikes and body blows in use of force. Wanted to know if the department tracks patterns with officers who use more force than others, and also if some officers don't use a lot of force. Does the department already do that, and if they don't they should be doing that.

Brie Chapa, 5707 Pheasant Hill Road. A data scientist at UW Madison. Community needs to fund another dimension of Public Safety to deal with people experiencing psychological events. Worked with Gillian and Jessica to review the number of calls for service (CFS) data from May 2019 to April 2020. There were 15,000 calls in 128 different categories. They were able to break it down to 28 different categories. And tried to determine what types of calls could be supported by another element in either a combination with the police or on its own. We found on average around 20-30% could be supported by another element. The Cahoots program which consisted of a social worker and a medic teamed up to handle calls either on their own or in conjunction with law enforcement. Mentioned the Truth and Reconciliation committee. Requested the

committee consider funding another 10-20% to develop another dimension to Public Safety.

Gillian Fink, 6307 Westgate. Thanks Chief Ostrenga for providing all the reports. Has gratitude for all the elements of Public Safety. Has three requests for Public Safety Committees consideration for the upcoming 2021 operations budget cycle: 1) To have a plan, or process, or system in place. Would you consider new Public Safety positions that would be unarmed possibly in the social work realm that could deal with non-criminal or non-violent incidents when people call for assistance. and for new Public Safety positions; 2) Would you consider allocating 20% of the public safety budget to go towards #1; 3) Would you help me understand how this Public Safety Committee responds to requests like this, as I don't know how that works.

Fontaine question: Who employ these other people that do this type of work?

Fink: They would be complimentary to each other. My research has not gotten me to the point where I would know who they would work for.

Moore question: Are you referring to 20% of the budget personnel budget?

Fink: I'm requesting it be proportional to the number and types of calls. Personnel would be the biggest line item.

Mary Delaney, 5108 Mesa. Attorney for Legal Action Wisconsin. Many of our clients suffer trauma for living in a racist community. Jim Crow tactics, as employed by our Monona Police Department, show that 48% of arrests were for black Americans, while only 1.2% live in Monona. Works for Legal Action Wisconsin and at the request of Alder Kristie Shilling, her firm has provided some model policy changes from Camden NJ and Philadelphia PA.

Kristie Shilling, 4515 Gordon Ave. Thanks for the time and dedication to this process. Would like to see the department track the race data for stops.

Appearance section closed at 6:26 pm.

{Items 9 and 5c moved up in agenda}

9. Reports:

Fire: Chief Eklof indicated they have authorization from the PFC to make a full time offer to one of their LTE employees to fill a vacancy. EMS/FD calls are on the increase. They are seeing an increase in drug overdoses, most of which are in vehicles on the south side of the city.

5. Unfinished Business:

c) Discussion/Action on 2021 Capital Budgets for Police/Dispatch/Fire/EMS

Chief Eklof updated the Committee on the 5-year Capital Budget plan for the Fire/EMS. There were no changes to the proposed 2021 Capital Budgets for Fire/EMS.

Chief Ostrenga had no changes to the proposed 2021 Capital Budgets for Police/Dispatch.

With no further discussion, there was a motion made by Reed, seconded by Bisbee, to approve the proposed 2021 Capital Budgets for Police/Dispatch/Fire/EMS. Motion approved unanimously.

a) Discussion/Action on City of Monona Resolution 20-6-2419 Commitment Of Action In Response To 6-2-20 Police Call

Chair Thomas, Alder Moore and Chief Ostrenga updated the committee on the action taken by the City Council to approve a contract with the Riseling Group to conduct an independent investigation of the June 2, 2020 Police Call on Arrowhead Drive. The group is to start their investigation in July and have a written report completed by October presented to the City Council.

b) Discussion/Action on Review of “8 can’t wait” Comparison with Monona Police Policy.

Chief Ostrenga went through the list of the “8 can’t wait” items and referenced them to either existing policy language or new policy language.

There was a question about if the National Use-Of-Force Data Collection-FBI program also collects race. That will be researched for the next meeting.

Item will be voted on at the next meeting.

6. New Business:

a) Discussion/Action on 2019 and 2020 MOPD Use of Force Data with Race/Age (P. 16-31)

Chief Ostrenga presented the 2019 and 2020 MOPD Use of Force data that included the race and age of involved persons. These summaries are in each of the department’s monthly reports and the annual report. Rather than just write down a number, it was recommended that members read about the actual incident to have a better understanding of the circumstances involved that caused the use of force.

Member Rehberg did a rough analysis and of the 16,000 calls for service in 2019, there were only 65 reported use of force reports. This came out to less than 1% (.4%).

b) Discussion/Action on Dane County Criminal Justice Council Report (P.32-40)

Chief Ostrenga reviewed the Dane County Criminal Justice Council (CJC) Report from July 2019 that contained 2016 enforcement data from Fitchburg, Madison, Middleton, Monona, Sun Prairie and Verona. The CJC has been given data from 2017 through 2019, but has not completed an updated report.

c) Discussion/Action on MOPD General Order 1.04 Code of Conduct (P. 41-60)

Chief Ostrenga explained revisions to G.O. 1.04. The only change is highlighted on p.6 under III.A.9 NEGLECT OF DUTY. a)(9). There is some new language that requires intervention.

d) Discussion/Action on MOPD General Order 5.01 Use of Force (P. 61-74)

Chief Ostrenga explained revisions to G.O. 5.01. There is some new language that deals with Foot Pursuits and Rendering Medical Aid. Highlighted in the document were sections that addressed some of the “8 can’t wait” items.

e) Discussion/Action on MOPD General Order 5.02 Use of Less Lethal Weapons (P. 75-82)

Chief Ostrenga explained revisions to G.O. 5.02. This G.O. was previously numbered as 5.03. There were updates to some of the definitions, with an emphasis on de-escalation. Highlighted in the document were sections that addressed some of the “8 can’t wait” items.

f) Discussion/Action on MOPD General Order 5.03 Deadly Force (P. 83-91)

Chief Ostrenga explained revisions to G.O. 5.03. This is a new G.O. that focuses on Deadly Force. With updates to 5.01, 5.02 and 5.03 the old 2.000 is now completely replaced. Highlighted in the document were sections that addressed some of the “8 can’t wait” items.

g) Discussion/Action on MOPD Standard Operating Procedure 2020-1 Stop Sticks (P. 92-96)

Chief Ostrenga explained that SOP 2020-1 Stop Sticks was a new procedure. The department obtained Stop Sticks to aid in the termination of dangerous pursuits traveling through the city involving stolen vehicles. Of most concern was coming up with a procedure to make it safer for officers to deploy Stop Sticks on the beltline.

After discussion, there was a motion made by Fontaine, seconded by Henderson, to approve SOP and move it on to the City Council. Motion approved unanimously.

7. Review Monthly Financial Reports: Law Enforcement, Fire Protection, Emergency Communications and Ambulance.

Chief Ostrenga reported that the budgets for Law/Fire/Dispatch/EMS were all within estimated amounts through June of 2020.

8. Discussion of future agenda items.

- Review policies that were discussed tonight
- Race, Sex Report from the MPSIS group
- 2021 Operations Budgets for Police/Dispatch/Fire/EMS
- Traffic Grants
- Additional Policies / General Orders

9. Reports:

Police: Chief Ostrenga indicated that all members of the department are signed up to complete Implicit Bias training. It's costing just over \$2,000 to train 26 employees. There were two recent shots fired calls, one on Falcon Circle and one on Dean Avenue. A burglary occurred over the weekend at an apartment in the 3900 block of Monona Drive where a firearm was stolen. There was another burglary attempt in the 5200 Block of McKenna Road, but the suspects were scared away by the resident's dog.

Building Inspection: No report.

Police and Fire Commission: Member Fontaine reported they will be meeting during the week of August 3rd to review Fire Chief applications.

10. Next meeting date: August 26, 2020

11. Adjournment: Motion was made by Bisbee, seconded by Reed, to adjourn. Motion approved unanimously at 8:56 pm.