

Public Safety Advisory Commission  
Wednesday, March 14, 2012  
Fire Training Center  
Minutes

Attendance

Sharon Chamard, Chair  
Morry Hollowell  
David Moore  
Bob Roses  
Kim Castle  
Loren Leman

Absent and Excused

Ray Faust, Vice Chair  
Mike Nolan

Staff

DC John Drozdowski, Anchorage Fire Department  
DC Steve Hebbe, Anchorage Police Department  
Dawn Brantley, Office of Emergency Management

Meeting called to order at 6:00

- 1) Approval of Agenda
  - a) Moved, seconded and approved
- 2) Approval of minutes for February 8, 2012
  - a) Moved, seconded and approved
- 3) Reports
  - a) Office of Emergency Management
    - i. 2012 Major Community Outreach Events
      1. Brown Bag Lunch Seminar Series
        - Decreased attendance due to new location; searching for a new location.
      2. Zombie Preparedness 101 – October
        - A public health awareness program in conjunction with Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Center for Disease Control (CDC) and University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) Public Health. The series of events will educate the public about emergency preparedness, public health preparedness and public health disaster response in a fun and exciting way.
      3. 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Safe & Sound Emergency Preparedness Fair – September 8th
        - Events will include, how to use an avalanche beacon and a GPS, CPR training and how to build a crib.

4. Volunteer Recognition Night – an opportunity for emergency preparedness and emergency response programs to recognize their volunteers.
  5. Elementary Poster Contest.
- ii. Planning and preparing for an intense flood season due to the amount of snowfall this winter. Plans include coordinating with AWWU to create a public campaign informing residents what they can do prior to and during breakup and what to expect and not to expect from the municipality.
  - iii. Functional Needs Support Services
    6. Hosting a working group to determine critical needs and services for Senior Citizens and visually and hearing impaired.
    7. Train volunteers to supply functional need and provide support to AnchorRIDES.
  - iv. Several exercises scheduled next month in conjunction JBEAR, Postal Service, CDC and Coast Guard.
- b) Anchorage Police Department
- i. DC Steve Smith sitting in for DC Steve Hebbe.
  - ii. Academy Update
    1. 26 of 29 students are scheduled to graduate on Thursday, April 5th at 3pm.
  - iii. Field Training Officer (FTO) Update
    1. The first week of the two one-week FTO School was held last week. The second week will be held next week.
  - iv. Early Intervention Program (EIP)
    1. The materials for APD's EIP have been developed and are tentatively scheduled for the first-line supervisors in late April or early May.
  - v. PERF Report Implementation/Community Policing Forms
    1. Measures already taken, planning for additional measures continues.
    2. Planning for a commission and annual community survey regarding police service in Anchorage continues.
    3. Promotion of sergeants will improve the span of control.
    4. 2012 Priorities
      - Reduction in sexual assaults and intrapersonal violence
      - No DUI-related fatality collisions (Zero for 12)
  - vi. Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO) Western Regional Conference
    1. Anchorage hosted APCO from February 29<sup>th</sup> to March 2<sup>nd</sup>.
    2. The conference brought professionals public safety communicators, experts and vendors from the western states to Anchorage for training, product exhibitors and demos.
    3. APD personnel participated to the maximum extent possible.
- c) Anchorage Fire Department
- i. AFD is in the process of reinventing how resources are deployed

1. DC Drozdowski provided maps with AFD's current response times in heavy call areas, which indicated a direct correlation between heavy population density and high call volume.
  - AFD's goal for engine companies' response time is 90% of calls with 4 minutes or less response time. Currently 70% of calls have a 4 minute or less response time. AFD's goal for truck companies' response time is 8 minutes or less.
2. The legislature appropriated funds for a new station 3 and 9.
  - A new fire station 9 will be built on a parcel of land located behind Rabbit Creek Elementary School. The current Station 9 is a small building built in the early 80s located on a small lot on Huffman Road. The new located will improve response time.
  - Several site locations are currently under review for a new station #3. The current location is not suitable to rebuild due to lot size and sewer issues. An option, currently under consideration, is to replace station #3 with two smaller stations.
3. To improve response time without adding new resources AFD is considering breaking up multi-company (truck & engine) station into small stations. The new stations will be smaller, leaner buildings with smaller operational and labor costs.
  - AFD has 4 truck/engine companies – station 1(downtown), Station #3 (Airport Heights), Station #5 (Spenard) and station #12 (Dimond).
- 4) Old Business
  - a) Due to new pending legislature Mike Nolan is still working on the Official Resolution against Fireworks.
- 5) New Business
  - a) Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) Presentation scheduled for next month's meeting.
  - b) Several members discussed the possibly of scheduling a co-meeting with the Assembly Safety Committee.
- 6) Meeting adjourn at 7:18pm
  - a) Next meeting is Wednesday, April 11, 2012.