

MOA Public Safety Advisory Commission Meeting

February 12, 2020
625 E. 6th Ave, Room 830
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present

Charles An
Garry Gilliam
Loren Leman
Sharon Chamard
Erich Reed

Members Absent

Nick Danger, Excused
Amber Fullmer
Andalyn Pace

Representatives Present

Fire Chief Hettrick, AFD
CAPT Shank, APD
LT Burington, APD
Andrew Preis, OEM
Forrest Dunbar, Assembly Member

Guests

Jens Schurig, Sheet Metal Local 23
Randy Golding, Sheet Metal Local 23

Call to order Meeting called to order at 4:38p.m, quorum present.

Minutes: January minutes approved.

Public Safety Committee-of-the-Whole Chair (PSCW) Report, Forrest Dunbar

- Alcohol tax passed, dedicates funds to AFD and APD for various public safety issues; sales tax did not pass.
- Ordinance proposed regarding pawn shops-criminal activity would be addressed to tighten regulations.
 - Photo id required
 - Video camera set ups in shop
 - Photo of pawned items will be uploaded to database with better detail
 - February 25th there will be a hearing open to public content; invitation extended to PSAC Board to speak.
 - Amendments are possible based on public comment. Email the assembly with any issues or concerns.

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Old Business

- New Chair and Vice Chair-tabled until next meeting
- Discussion on new meeting place and time. Decision to be tabled until next meeting.

New Business

- Presentation on HVAC Fire Life Safety by Jens Schurig and Randy Golding, representatives of Sheet Metal Local 23.
 - Mr. Schurig and Randy Golding are working on developing a bill to address HVAC Fire Life Safety.
 - Building occupants and rescue teams face immediate danger when life safety dampers and smoke control systems are not functioning properly. Passing legislation is underway in many other states. Here is the language New Mexico and Nevada have already passed:
<https://legiscan.com/NM/bill/SB143/2019>
<https://legiscan.com/NV/bill/AB297/2019>
 - The MGM Grand Hotel Fire left 85 people dead and 700 injured, including 14 fire fighters, and the investigation report directly cites fire smoke dampers not being properly maintained as a cause of death. Alaskans have the opportunity to correct this 'qualification' policy oversight before experiencing our first MGM-like tragedy.
 - Mr. Schurig became fire-life safety certified through the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and has inspected smoke dampers and systems throughout Alaska for 5 years. The vast range of their malfunctions, many due to makeshift repairs, are a preventable public safety hazard. Training and certifications are not currently required for the task of inspecting a nonfunctional damper. Miscellaneous items such as a rock and a Dixie-cup have been used to keep a damper open. Meaning, yes, there is airflow again, BUT if there is a fire, that damper won't serve its purpose of closing and not permitting smoke and fire to travel throughout the building. A facility needs life safety dampers to open and close instantly for many reasons. The fire scenario is just one. Many life-threatening events can occur where airflow needs to be redirected or shut off completely.
 - The proposed bill would include language requiring a person to be trained and certified through American National Standards Institute (ANSI), the leading life safety systems organization that has gone above and beyond to provide the highest quality training and materials.
 - Sheet Metal Local 23 is a member of SMART International (Sheet Metal, Air, Rail, And Transportation), which installs fire smoke dampers and smoke control systems and has extensive training through the International Training Institute and certifications through the International Certification Board to test, inspect, and maintain these systems. The plan is to also train and bring awareness of these Life Safety systems to an

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Implementation Advisory Committee that consists of fire chiefs, inspectors, design officials, and contractors.

Reports

AFD, Fire Chief Hettrick

- AFD completed another car seat technician class as part of the National certification program. AFD has the highest number of certified technicians in the nation.
- Four ballot propositions pertaining to AFD will be coming up April 2020:
 - Prop 1-Life/Safety Access Roads
 - Prop 4-Anchorage Fire Service Area
 - Prop 8-Emergency Medical Services, Public Safety and Public Transportation
 - Prop 9- Areawide Emergency Medical Supplies and Systems Special Levy and Reduction of Voter-Approved Indebtedness

APD, Lieutenant Burington

- Introduction of Captain Shank, Crime Suppression.
- Captain Kerle has been promoted to Deputy Chief of Administration, Deputy Chief McCoy overseas Operations. Subsequent Captain and Lieutenant promotions will be forthcoming.
- Cap bills went out. 16 bills totaling approximately \$90,000.
- Planning has begun for addressing homeless camps in the summer.

OEM, Andrew Preis, Emergency Manager

EOC Activities:

- EOC upgrade project
 - Upgrades to the physical EOC layout
 - Update - physical layout has been planned and plotted, scheduling the physical moving with Facility Maintenance and IT.
 - Web IAP software upgrade to assist in running EOC response during activations.
 - Update – Running a trial of Web IAP for 2020 Fur Rondy, allowing EOC staff to practice.
 - Safety and security upgrades to the facility, planning is underway.
 - Site evaluation for OEM's own backup generator was conducted this week.
 - Update – Audit of security camera, monitor, storage system conducted, report to follow.
 - OEM to purchase large display monitors for EOC with grant money.
 - Update – 6 monitors are on-site, 2 Smart Boards inbound! Working with Facility Maintenance and IT for install plan.

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- EAS/IPAWS update – researching the required steps and training to become a licensed IPAWS message originator. Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) is the new age public alert messaging system through which a message originator can target the recipients, and broadcast across multiple technologies.
- EOC Re-Org and Training
 - Update – Training contract awarded to “The Blue Cell” out of Colorado to conduct the following:
 - Training/exercise needs assessment
 - Delivery of key incident command system (ICS) courses
 - Development, observation of, and evaluation of a tabletop exercise
 - Summation of future training/exercise needs
 - Being paid for by 2018 State Homeland Security Program grant award

Earthquake Recovery:

- Individual Assistance (for individual survivors)
 - Over \$19million paid out to individual survivors in Anchorage in housing and other needs.
 - 246 maximum grants paid out to survivors in Anchorage (\$34,500 each)
 - Small Business Administration has approved over \$100million in individual and small business recovery low-interest loans.
 - \$21million + in housing assistance to individuals
 - \$77million + in business loans
 - In the Muni, 7,626 registrants to FEMA IA, 272 registrants to State IA have received some level of pay out.
 - Long Term Recovery Group (LTRG) is active in order to address survivors’ unmet needs from the earthquake. The LTRG continues to look for donations and volunteers in order to be most effective.
- Public Assistance (for public infrastructure and facilities)
 - OEM is the single point of contact between most Muni departments and the State/FEMA personnel.
 - Departments continue to put together project proposals and applications
 - Estimates for emergency and permanent work from FEMA Public Assistance program are over \$45million.
 - First reimbursement payments to be paid out by FEMA still pending.
- Mitigation
 - Update – 16 hazard mitigation project applications submitted to State on 1/31/2020.
 - First round of funded projects announced by end of February.
 - Next round announced by Fall, 2020.

Activations:

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- Forest Park Mobile Home Park ice jam and flooding
 - Early January, OEM staff notified by resident of FP of an ice jam in a drainage culvert, and subsequent neighborhood flooding.
 - OEM staff have been coordinating information and actions with Eagle River Street Maintenance, Chugiak Fire Dept, Public Works, Code Enforcement, and other key Muni partners.
 - Chief of Chugiak FD has been doing daily drive throughs making sure emergency vehicles have proper ingress/egress for life safety issues.
- Repatriation flight from China
 - State Dept flight from Wuhon City landed at TSIA on Tuesday 1/28, evacuating US citizens from Wuhon.
 - Planning and coordination happened through Fed, State, and local agencies, including OEM and AHD for the Muni.
 - Plane landed, passengers disembarked and got screened, loaded back up, and continued on to California.
 - Contingency planning continues in the event of more flights.

Education/Outreach:

- EOC education and facility tours to APD CA Alumni, AWWU employees.

Exercise/Training:

- EOC response team training event 1/8, State Seismologist presented.
- Second training and exercise planning workshop happened in January.
- Internal EOC practice with new software WebIAP, producing an Incident Action Plan (IAP) for Fur Rondy 2020.

Public Comments: None

Next meeting: March 11, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

Adjournment: 5:58p.m