

MOA Public Safety Advisory Commission Meeting

March 13th, 2019
625 E. 6th Ave, Room 830
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Meeting Minutes

Members Present

Nick Danger, Chairman
Loren Leman
Sharon Chamard
Gary Gilliam (Conference Call)
Charles An

Members Absent

Amber Fullmer
Erich Reed
Andalyn Pace

Representatives

Chief Jodie Hettrick, AFD
Lt. Jack Carson, APD

Call to order

- Meeting called to order at 4:36 p.m.
- Approval of March Agenda
- Approval of February Meeting Minutes
- Quorum met with call in conference from Garry Gilliam

Reports

APD

- New APD Location-Planned move in date of July 2019 for remainder of staff. Board should plan to visit sometime after August.
- High Intensity Drug Unit-The unit is up and running. Sharing of information between departments has been instrumental (DEA, AST, HIS, US Marshals) in success.
- Service Calls-Numbers are up since 2014 (with a drop in 2017). 260,000 calls in 2018.
- Vehicle Thefts-Change of approach has helped to reduce incidents by 40% over the past year.
- APD Service Areas-Changes have been made to bring service areas to bring them in line with community council areas.
- FirstNet Cell Phones-70% of the department has been issued FirstNet phones. Phones have message and email capabilities only at this time. Future phone camera access could eliminate separate cameras costs to the department.

AFD

- OEM Update-Director Kevin Spillers will be retiring the end of May. The position is expected to be filled May or June.

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- Push-In Ceremonies-New apparatus have arrived to Station 4 and 14, push in ceremonies have been held to commemorate their arrival. Future AFD event information can be found on the Anchorage Fire Department Facebook page, Twitter, and Nixle.
- Academy-The Firefighter Academy is in progress with a May 17th graduation date planned.
- Alcohol tax proposal-The alcohol tax would benefit AFD and APD. AFD could fund two dispatchers, an administrative position, and the CORE team.
- Reorganization of Department-A work session with the Assembly is coming up Friday. The reorg focuses on alignment of staffing proportional to fire/EMS calls. Agreement has been reached with IAFF Local 1264 on proposed changes. Reorg would include two more BLS Units for a total of 9 ALS and 4 BLS units, two emergency medical support vehicles, three 56 hour BC positions converted to 40 hour positions resulting in cost savings-Quality Assurance, HSO, and Compliance Officer). Vote by Assembly will occur on Tuesday, March 19th with transition plan to take place April 3rd, 2019.
- Catalyst Program-Criteria based dispatching program developed by AFD Personnel will result in a better allocation of resources for fire/EMS calls. Set to rollout April 2019.

OEM

- No report.

Old business: Members are encouraged to participate in AFD station visits and APD ride-alongs.

Public Comments

None

Next meeting

April 10th, 2019 at 4:30 pm, Mayor's Conference Room

Adjournment: 5:36 p.m.