

MOA Public Safety Advisory Commission Meeting

June 10, 2020

Zoom Video Conference

Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present

Charles An
Garry Gilliam
Loren Leman
Sharon Chamard
Erich Reed

Members Absent

Nick Danger
Amber Fullmer
Andalyn Pace

Representatives Present

BC Steve Mendive, AFD
LT Burington, APD

Call to order Meeting called to order at 4:33p.m, quorum present.

Minutes: May minutes approved. Motion by Chamard, Second by Charles An.

Reports

AFD, Battalion Chief Steve Mendive

- **Anchorage Firewise:** Information on muni.org has been removed, working with IT to get it back up. The program encourages the public to schedule evaluations at their property to help mitigate wildfire danger.
- **Brush Apparatus:** Pickup style apparatus w/ pump is doing intermittent patrol through trail systems and areas commonly known for unauthorized burning. Fire Chief Hettrick has directed the team to proactively patrol during necessary fire conditions. Program runs from beginning of day through early evening. Brush apparatus provides easier trail access to catch fires when smaller. Working closely with Parks and Rec who has widened some trails for easier access.
- **COVID-19:** Continue heightened posture, AFD is well protected with PPE, stand to serve the community, conduct ongoing training, take calls quite seriously. To date we continue to see symptomatic members of the community, anticipating a potential climb in numbers, encouraging public to wear masks and practice social distancing as well as hand washing. We also reinforce this in the stations.

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- **Lemen: How are employees doing? Are they staying healthy?**
 - We are very fortunate, city leadership and early acquisition of PPE, PAPR (Powered Air Purifying Respirator) which is a hooded helmet w/ HEPA filter. Allows personnel to stay longer with patients while remaining safe. Photo attached for reference. Staff has remained healthy and proud to serve in that capacity.
- **Reed: Have any employees contracted the virus?**
 - We have not had any positive tests, although there has not been widespread testing throughout the department. We remain diligent in protection as we anticipate increased numbers over future months. We are concerned with the current modelling of 10+ cases per day and continue the message of safety.
- **Lemen: Has the department continued to limit family and visitors from stations and segregate shifts?**
 - Yes, but we have eased slightly to a more normal model as far as staffing goes. We are continuing to limit contact with other stations, as well as wearing masks and social distancing while in the station. Members of the public, including families, are not currently able to enter stations. We have conducted some virtual tours of stations and are willing to meet members of public outside the station when necessary.
- **Bike Helmets:** Safe Kids Alaska conducted an event today and will conduct another on June 17th from 12pm-3pm to provide bike helmets to the public. Information on upcoming event is attached. Helmets are not currently available through AFD.

APD, Lieutenant Burington

- With everything going on around the country, along with demonstrations and protests here in Anchorage, we recognize this is a constitutionally protected right and fully support that. We have tried to contact organizers and make it known that we just want everyone to be safe. Expectation is that they stay peaceful and productive. We have been very proud of our community as we have not had the same situations that arise in other communities. We have a commitment to our community and recognize the trust placed in us.
- Recent academy graduation, due to COVID was very different. Limited guests. Message was “Pin the badge on today but earn it every day you are at work.”

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- APDEA: Generally, we do a clothesline project in the fall to hand out school clothes and supplies. Due to COVID we are planning a smaller event, collecting new socks and underwear (K-12). Goal is to distribute to kids in need. Event is August 8, but we are accepting donations now.
 - **Lemen: Is there information on drop stations and how to donate?**
 - **Information is attached.**
- Camp Abatements remain in process. Working closely with Parks and Rec to identify and prioritize high risk camps.
- City is rolling out a new dashboard which will provide information to public regarding homeless camps. What has been done, what's in progress, what is scheduled. Will be available on muni.org.
 - **Chamard - Is the dashboard in conjunction with Coalition on Homelessness dashboard or its own?**
 - Think it's separate, will have information on how much trash was collected, etc. Hasn't rolled out yet but will shortly. Information will be sent prior to next meeting.

OEM, Andrew Preis, Emergency Manager

- **Not present - Awaiting potential written statement.**

Old Business

- Due to COVID and the ability to meet telephonically we've agreed to continue to meet throughout the summer.
 - Reed, Leman, An, Chamard, Gilliam all in agreement.
 - Discussion on appropriate platform, potentially switch to Teams. Ruhl and Reed will work out details. Lemen suggested scheduling meeting ahead of July 8 to test a new platform.
- Vacant Seats:
 - Confirmed bylaws allow 3 unexcused or 6 total absence
 - Reed suggested reaching out to the Mayor's office to inquire about potential new applicants. Ruhl will reach out.
- Admin Support:
 - Ashley Ruhl will provide administrative support for team moving forward.

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- Election of Officers:
 - The commission has been waiting for Nick Danger to return. Lemen will discuss with him privately his intent to return and the commission can discuss at upcoming meeting what to do about officers.

New Business

- None discussed.

Commissioner Comments:

Chamard: Appreciated communication that Chief Dolph sent to the public, showed leadership and the tone was good. I knew we would have demonstrations here but was also quite confident that APD knew what to do to prevent these from becoming a bad situation.

Reed: Echo other commissioners, there's a thin blue line between projecting and protecting and our departments do a great job with that.

Leman: Appreciate all first responders and OEM folks, they are doing as much as they can as fast as they can while learning on the job.

Public Comments

None

Next meeting: July 8, 2020

Adjournment: 5:18 p.m.

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PAPR Device



Safe Kids Alaska Bike Helmet Event

SAFE KIDS ALASKA BIKE HELMETS



Safe Kids Alaska is once again offering
bike helmets for children and teens.
2020 is the 15th summer season of the
Anchorage Bike Helmet Project.

With generous funding from Providence Alaska Medical Center, bicycle helmets will be available for
children and teens at the following location during the noted times:

3400 HEALTH DRIVE, ANCHORAGE, AK 99508

Single story gray building behind main hospital, large round blue sign with #5 on front of building

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10 NOON-3:00PM

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17 NOON-3:00PM

***This program is intended as a resource for families who could not
otherwise obtain bike helmets for their children.***

***No appointment necessary**

***Children MUST BE PRESENT to be fit with a helmet**

***Helmets are provided at no cost to children & teens**

***Helmet supply is limited to stock on hand**

Safe Kids Alaska at 907-212-3194 or safekidsak@providence.org



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Clothesline Drop Off Information

