

MOA Public Safety Advisory Commission Meeting

August 14, 2019
625 E. 6th Ave, Room 830
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Meeting Minutes

Members Present

Nick Danger
Sharon Chamard
Charles An
Erich Reed
Loren Leman (Conference Call)
Gary Gilliam (Conference Call)

Members Absent

Amber Fullmer
Andalyn Pace

Representatives

BC Dennis, AFD
LT Carson, APD
Andrew Preis, OEM
Forrest Dunbar, Anchorage Assembly Member

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

New Business

- Discussion of panhandlers in street meridians.
- Discussion of shoplifting issue in Anchorage. More research to be done.

Reports

APD

- SB91-July 1 changes took effect. Details can be found on APD post made July 9th on Nixle.com.
- Renovations of APD building is complete. Open House will be held 09/19/19 from 11:30AM to 1:00PM. September PSAC meeting will be held at new APD location.
- Patrol Officers will be attending Community Council meetings as much as possible.
- Operation Summer Heat held over a 2 day period and included 90 law enforcement officers from various agencies. The operation resulted in the seizure of significant amounts of heroine, methamphetamine, and marijuana as well as money, firearms, and stolen vehicles.
- The HIDTA team is up and running at the old APD Station.
- The Assembly approved \$400, 000 to keep homeless shelter open and running which helps with homeless abatement. The Assembly also approved 160,000-180,000 for Parks & Rec at the beginning of the summer season to double

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cleanup crews which picked up 270-370lbs of trash. There will be an increase of homeless individual in public spaces due to abatement but this will allow for outreach by public agencies which is more difficult in wooded spaces.

AFD

- The burn ban is still in effect. The fuel index is still very high, we will need at least 2-3 days of significant rainfall.
- An emergency declaration has been made regarding homeless and should last through mid-September. The EOC is currently activated.

OEM

- Staffing:
 - As of the last week of June, OEM is back to full staff (Director, 2 Programs Managers, Budget/Grant Admin)
- Activities:
 - MLK Fire: July 2nd the EOC was activated to Level 2, with supporting agencies. Focus was on public information, resource requests, possible mass evacuation, and mass care planning.
 - Heat/Smoke Issue June/July: High temps coupled with wildfire smoke and reduced air quality. Cooling assets are in short supply in Alaska. The Fairbanks Memorial Hospital provided an example of a cooling/clean room to a meeting of joint medical partners.
 - Hazardous Materials Response: July 19th a spill onboard a cargo ship was reported to the EOC. The spill ended up being concentrated dish soap. This incident led to a valuable after action meeting with the DEC, Coast Guard, and Port Security. Gaps in communication protocols were identified to address.
 - Civil Emergency Declaration: July 24th the EOC was activated to Level 2, with supporting agencies to address homelessness. The goal was to provide a structure for averting an immediate crisis of the Brother Francis Shelter closing for 4 days. The focus was on providing structured incident planning with situation updates, convening community partners, and resource requests. The EOC remains active at Level 1, monitoring conditions. The Civil Emergency Declaration has been extended by Assembly action until September 24th.
- Earthquake Recovery:
 - Individual Assistance (for individual survivors)
 - Over \$17 million has been paid out to individual survivors in Anchorage in housing and other needs. 206 maximum grants paid out to survivors in Anchorage (\$34,500 each). The Small Business Administration has approved over \$100 million in individual and small business recovery low-interest loans.

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- The Long Term Recovery Group (LTRG) has formed locally in order to address unmet needs from the earthquake. The LTRG continues to look for donations and volunteers in order to be effective. Contact Joe Cline, co-vice chair of the LTRG for more info, or to donate and volunteer. joe.cline@teamrubiconusa.org
- Public Assistance (for public infrastructure and facilities)
 - The Municipality of Anchorage has a total of 10 applicants for PA grant money. Departments continue to put together project proposals and applications. State and FEMA staff are assisting with guidance and subject matter experts. There could be as much as \$75 million available in the State of Alaska for Public Assistance funding.
- Mitigation
 - Mitigation projects are meant to lessen or eliminate damage to and loss of property and life during the next disaster. The amount of hazard mitigation money is a percentage of the total PA funds paid out (this could be as much as \$75 million+)
 - Project proposals are underway, including planning, GIS, wildfire, seismic. Project applications due 10/31/2019.
- Education/Outreach:
 - Back To School health fair hosted by Anchorage Health Dept (8/10)
 - Civil Engagement site visit to EOC (8/13)

Old Business-N/A

Public Comments

None

Next meeting

September 11, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

Adjournment: 5:30 p.m.