

**PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION  
MEETING SUMMARY  
APRIL 9, 2008  
FIRE STATION # 12 - 6PM**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Karen Cameron  
Sharon Chamard  
Dan Fagan  
Mark Mew  
Genevieve Maurits  
Sam O'Connor  
Michelle Weston  
Lynda Zaugg  
Clerk: Tamara Holman

Captain Bill Miller-Anchorage Police Dept.  
Citizen Jenny Morris

**Absent and Excused:**

Tony Piper, Jim Hubbard, Ray Faust

The Meeting was called to order at 6:09 pm. Sam O'Connor moved to approve the minutes of the previous months meeting and Sharon Chamard seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved with corrections from Michelle Weston.

**Anchorage Fire Department - Deputy Chief Michelle Weston:**

DC Weston and her staff treated the Commission to a tour of the Fire Station Twelve Facility. DC Weston spoke of the need to expand Station Twelve to accommodate personnel and apparatus. DC Weston also explained the need for Station Twelve to become a fueling station as well. DC Weston is currently getting a letter from the Commission to support this and has recently completed successful talks with the Planning Director. DC Weston states that a compromise has been worked out with the Planning Director after we submitted a formal grievance. Prior Policy would only allow for a fueling station during a disaster time and this would not be sufficient as the station is so close to the Merrill Field Airport and therefore would not meet the Fire Department's current needs. Mark Mew comments that the Planning and Zoning Commission may approve Station Twelve as a fueling station because it was previously a water utility building and noted that the Watershed Management is fine with the plan.

Chair Lynda Zaugg, along with the Commission is drafting a letter of support for DC Weston for the fueling station issue. Dr. Sharon Chamard made a Motion to approve to the Planning and Zoning Appeals Board should that become necessary and Sam O'Connor seconded the Motion.

**ANCHORAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT – CAPTAIN BILL MILLER:**

Captain Bill Miller gave a report on the Crime Summits Voter approved Capitol Improvements which include improvements for an Eagle River Sub- Station and Property and Evidence Storage Areas. Captain Miller states that currently the storage areas are somewhere between 90 to 100 percent full and it is very critical that new storage is provided as soon as possible. Captain Miller states that building a new facility would be better than renting a facility and states that serious crime type materials must be preserved for a length of time due to the Appeals process. Captain Miller states this expansion would cost 18 Million Dollars and is a very necessary capitol improvement. Captain Miller states that there had been a field exercise for Search and Rescue Issue that had occurred the night before this meeting. Captain Miller states that there was quick success to the incident at hand and then a very good training opportunity on top of that, due to the numerous personnel that were involved and the quality training they had received while responding to the incident.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CENTER – MS. Genevieve Maurits:**

Ms. Maurits reports on their upcoming drills and exercise of April 17 and April 23<sup>rd</sup> which are an Emergency Watch Training Exercise and a Behavioral Health Providers, respectively. Ms. Maurits commented on the recent white powder incident at the Federal Building, which turned out to be harmless. Ms. Maurits states it was still a good drill in protocol, chain of custody and other techniques in handling turned out to be very good training for them.

**SCOFFLAW- Citizen Jenny Morris:**

Ms. Morris reported on the success of the Scofflaw now in effect. Ms. Morris was thanked by the Commission for all of her hard work, which includes the initiation of the Law from the start. Ms. Morris explains that the information on Scofflaw Offenders will be on the Municipal Web Site along with advertisement on local buses and radio stations as per Mayor Begich's idea to get this information into the public arena. Further information can be obtained at [www.scofflaw@muni.org](mailto:www.scofflaw@muni.org) which lists the top fifty offenders of the day. The scofflaw is updated by Anchorage Police Departments Dispatch Center daily. Ms. Morris states that Municipal's Treasury Department's Mr. Dan Moore has been very helpful in this process and has offered to pay for overtime for APD for an upcoming testimonial hearing on the subject. They will meet with the Alaska Administration Regulators regarding the use of the APSIN Security System for Scofflaw Offenders. The current procedure does not allow such information to be placed into the APSIN System, however, Ms. Morris along with her supporters are trying to get this changed and may introduce of a new Senate Bill if they are not successful.

**ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT- MARK MEW:**

Mark Mew they are vigorously planning their large field training exercise of a simulated Wild Fire Event on the Hillside area which will take place Saturday, May 10, 2008 from 9am to 3pm. Mr. Mew states there is still room for plenty of volunteers to help out and can do so by contacting the School District Offices. Mr. Mew states that they will be using their Command Center for the first time during this drill. Their table top practices of working with the School Resource Officers and managed teams, along with Agencies who are helping, are all good experiences which prepare them for the event. Mr. Mew thanks all who have helped.

**WEST SIDE COMMUNITY PATROL- SAM O'CONNOR:**

Sam O'Connor states that he is disappointed that the Anchorage Police Department CAP personnel cannot attend future Community Council Meetings due to their time constraints. O'Connor states that these appearances are very missed by the Councils because they are able to get lots of answers to their questions regarding their neighborhood matters.

**FAIRVIEW COMMUNITY PATROL- DR SHARON CHAMARD:**

Dr. Chamard states that the Community Action Patrol (CAP) team is expanding to be fully staffed and that soon every district will have a CAP team.

**Other Business:**

Mr. Dan Fagan asked about legislative monies and how they are dispersed to groups and how this is done so that all of the Corrections and Police Systems are not stressed.

**Old Business:**

Traffic Bar locations and Bar Break Pedestrian Traffic Safety topic is deferred to next meeting. Sam O'Connor states that Chilkoot Charlie's is putting out Illuminated traffic cones in strategic places to help with safety but not block traffic.

**New Business:**

DC Weston that a non-profit arm of the Fire Department is hosting an Ambulance Safety and Resuscitation Conference on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> at the Sheraton Hotel. More information can be obtained by [www.lorenmarshallfoundation.org](http://www.lorenmarshallfoundation.org)

Sandy Christensen is finished with her term as clerk for the Commission and was thanked sincerely by the Commission. The New Clerk Tamara Holman of the Anchorage Fire Department was introduced and welcomed.

**Adjournment:**

Karen Cameron moved to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Lynda Zaugg and the Meeting was adjourned at 7:09 pm. Next meeting is May 14, 2008 at the EOC 1305 E St.