



PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION
January 28, 2006 Meeting Summary
Fire Station #1 Conference Room
Anchorage, Alaska

ATTENDANCE

Present:

Precyous Council
Mark Mew
Sam O'Connor
Tony Piper
Mike Smulski
Chuck Springer
Lynda Zaugg

Members Absent:

MEETING SUMMARY

This special meeting was scheduled to plan the Commission's goals for 2006.

The group looked at the information sheet that Mike Smulski and Chuck Springer developed. They added information re: the Web page as a way to contact the Commission. The Commission will review it at the next meeting and then vote on it.

The group talked about a publicity plan, which will be reviewed at the next meeting. The Commission had discussed such a plan at a previous meeting and Lynda Zaugg and Tony Piper developed one and it will be reviewed by the Commission and by Julie Hasquet, Communication Director for Mayor's Office, before action is taken.

The group will request that a link be established from the department liaison pages to the Commission Web page for ease of contact by the public.

Crime statistics were discussed, as provided by Anchorage Police Department for the Abbott Loop Community Council, and members expressed interest in reviewing similar statistics for other community council areas.

The Neighborhood Watch program was discussed briefly, in response to the increase in the number of burglaries in areas such as Abbott Loop. Tony Piper will check with APD to see if he can determine what is covered by "false alarms;" one of the categories listed on the Abbott Loop crime statistics.

Members agreed to attend their own community council meetings and to report back to the Commission about topics of interest and concern.

Seward Highway road safety issues were discussed. This is an area monitored by the Alaska State Troopers, with backup by APD.

Identification of youth member candidates was discussed. Chuck Springer is going to check with a couple of principals that he knows, as well as Bob Langworthy of UAA Justice Dept about potential candidates they may know.

Precyous Council mentioned the need or additional assistance at the Mayor's Anti-Gang Initiative meetings. Mark Mew indicated he would be attending as a school district representative. The group decided that the attendance of these two

members would help to answer any questions the Commission may have about the group's work. Tony Piper and Lynda Zaugg offered to attend meetings if needed.

Sam O'Connor had some concerns about his recent ride-along with Eng. 5, which he will bring up at the next PSAC meeting. His questions included:

1) Fuel tank back-up for the station's trucks. 2) Firefighters' concerns regarding police officers parking in such a way as to block fire vehicle access to fire scenes.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was changed from Feb. 8th to Feb. 15th, since several members will be out of town for the regularly scheduled meeting. (The Feb. 15th meeting will be held in suite 525 of City Hall at 6:00PM.) Chair Lynda Zaugg will be out of town for the next meeting, so Tony Piper will chair.

The meeting adjourned around 4:00PM.

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