



Public Safety/Emergency Management (PSEM)
Meeting Minutes
September 5, 2024
5:00-5:50pm

Committee Members:

Chair Mayor Buxton, Vice Chair Grace Matsui, Deputy Mayor Steinmetz

Council Present:

Gene Achziger

Staff Present:

Interim City Manager: Tim George

Chief Ted Boe

Assistant Chief Mark Couey

Assistant Chief Kevin Penney

Crime Analyst: Patti Gosch

Community Service Officer: Tonya Seaberry

PD Executive Assistant: Stephanie Holt

Emergency Management Director: Shannon Kirchberg (Excused)

Acting City Attorney: Matt Hutchins

Deputy City Clerk: Sara Lee

Director of Community/ Administrative Services: Bonnie Wilkins

Harbor Master: Scott Wilkins

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1. Call to Order, Chair Mayor Buxton
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Steinmetz
-Meeting called to order at 5:00pm
 2. Approval of June 6, 2024 Meeting Minutes
-Motioned by Deputy Mayor Harry Steinmetz
-Seconded by Vice Chair Grace Matsui
 3. Introduction of Chief Boe
-Chief Boe provided an in-depth introduction to his philosophy and vision for the PD. His mission is to make Des Moines a safe place to live, work,

play and finding the balance of fighting crime building trust and supporting our people.

4. Community Crime Safety Update (PD)

-Crime Analyst Patti Gosch introduced herself and provided a slide presentation that identifies crime trends and patterns. She expressed her job is to be customer service facing and to connect with families especially when dealing with missing persons.

Mayor Buxton asked for explanation of the data/statistics of the slides. Patti explained that the overlay maps are related to calls for service. Once slide was related to guns which allows the PD to compare where the casings were found, places where shots were heard, and where PD is proactively patrolling. The other slide was related to comparing where stole vehicles were reported, where stole vehicles were recovered, and where PD is proactively patrolling.

Chief Boe provided further information that these crime trends provided by the Crime Analyst allows the PD to coordinate using unallocated time to be in the right place at the right time. Without this raw data collection, PD has random successes.

Deputy Mayor Steinmetz asked if the PD is getting data from Facebook or social media? He states that community group pages tend to share information on Facebook pages. What is the best way

Patti explains that Facebook can be helpful when looking for missing persons and she does check the pages regularly when looking for someone.

Deputy Mayor Steinmetz asked what about shots fired?

Chief Boe answers stating social media is good for investigative work, however not for reporting crime. Residents need to call 911.

5. Summer Events Recap/ Fall Programming (PD)

-Tonya Seaberry introduces herself to the Committee and provides a slide presentation of a recap of summer events for the PD. The events included, internet safety class at Parkside Elementary, Safety Meetings for 37 neighborhood watch groups, Special Olympics Torch Run, Fourth of July, Waterland Parade, Neighborhood Block Party kick off to National Night

Out, National Night Out, steering wheel lock giveaway, active shooter presentation for Holy Trinity School, and Russian Baptist Church youth camp.

-Tonya also shared the upcoming PD events for the fall which include, Coffee with a Cop, Self Defense and Situational Awareness classes, Advanced Community Academy, Faith and Blue event, and Block Watch Coordinator meetings

Mayor Buxton asked if any of this information is provided to the community? Where online?

Tonya expresses this information is shared in the City Currents. Block Watch gets sent a letter, and everything is shared on social media.

Vice Chair Grace Matsui asked where the Coffee with a Cop is going to be held.

Tonya shared there will be 2 Coffee with a Cop events: Partnering with Normandy Park at North Hill Espresso on September 28th and at Highline College for National Coffee with a Cop Day on Oct 2nd.

6. National Emergency Preparedness Month (EM)

-Chief Boe shares the Emergency Management Director Shannon Kirchberg is on vacation and excused. September is National Emergency Preparedness Month. The theme is “start a conversation” – basic conversations for starting to prepare for events as the government can only do so much. Stock up on extra medications, food, and supplies.

Mayor Buxton states this was a great briefing and it was nice to hear more about members of the PD. No more questions

Motioned to Adjourn by Deputy Mayor Harry Steinmetz

Seconded by Vice Chair Grace Matsui

Adjourn 5:37 pm.