

## Public Safety Committee of June 20<sup>th</sup> 2019 Meeting

**Attending:** Committee Members Robert Ramer, Jim Short, Michael Yatsko & Robert Bellavance. Absent Stacy Rush and Simon Royer. In the absence of Chair Stacy Rush, Vice Chair Robert Bellavance chaired the meeting. CITY STAFF: Dr. Theresa Smalling. FIRE CHIEF Representing Chief Parks was Deputy Chief of Operations Erich Thiemann. Sheriff's Department: Lt. Michael Smalley & Lt. Terrance Fallahee. GUESTS: Spencer Shaw of the Pinellas County Emergency Management System and Resident James Sherman.

**Reports:** Special Guest Spencer Shaw gave an in depth report on the Pinellas County Emergency Management System. **Fire Department:** Deputy Chief Thiemann reported the following: There were 552 Medical responses, 55 rescue incident responses, 36 fire alarms, 11 fire incident responses, 11 structure fire responses and a total of 732 incidents of all kinds. **Sheriff's Department:** Lt Fallahee and Lt Smalley gave the Monthly Dunedin City analysis. There were 35 auto crashes in the city during May. The number of crashes on the Dunedin Causeway had an increase of 3. There a total of 1,094 citations and warnings issued in May. Sixty seven people were arrested of which 27 were on Felony charges and 35 were misdemeanors. There were 1,084 traffic stops in May. In total 3,730 events in Dunedin last month with 5,977 units responding.

**Committee members updates/comments:** Robert Ramer commented on emergency preparedness and countywide participation. Jim Short brought up public and employee concerns at Mease Hospital. Deputy Chief Thiemann said he will check with hospital officials and report back to the committee. The Sheriff's Dept. said it has regular communication with the Hospital on concerns of public safety. Michael Yatsko brought up the problem of unleashed dogs in public parks and introduced Jim Sherman a resident to comment about the problem. Mr. Sherman stated that there is a real problem in Hammock Park and he has had close calls and not just worried about himself but also his dog. He said some of the people carry a weapon "concealed" as they allow their dog to roam unleashed. Lt Fallahee said Sheriff patrols have responded to this concern and will continue to stay on the problem.

Michael Yatsko made a motion to continue discussion on the dog problem at our July Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Short ...Passed. OTHER MOTIONS: Mr. Ramer made a motion to delay selection of a committee Secretary until July second by Mr. Short...Passed, Mr. Short made a motion to continue discussion on public safety at our Hospital second by Mr. Ramer...passed.

The Committee thanked Mr. Sherman for bringing the attention of the dog problem forward.

**Adjourn:** There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert E. Bellavance, Vice Chair

\*\*Robert Bellavance completed minutes due to there not being anyone in the role of Secretary