

**Rossford City Council
Safety Committee Meeting
October 19, 2016**

Committee members present: Caroline Zuchowski-Eckel, Jerry Staczek
Others present: Dr. Daniel Schwerin – Medical Director Rossford Fire/Rescue Department,
Fire Chief Josh Drouard, Police Chief Glenn Goss

The meeting was called to order at 1:13 PM. The Committee excused the absence of Chairman Dan Wagner.

NALOXONE:

Chief Drouard spoke about Naloxone (Narcan), the medication that could be administered to reverse effects of Heroin and other opioid overdoses. Chief Drouard explained that additional care, in addition to the administration of the medication, may be required at the scene of an overdose. Dr. Schwerin told the committee that the administration of oxygen, airway management, additional medications and treatment may also be required at the scene and those police officers, unless they were trained as EMT's, may not have appropriate training. Dr. Schwerin continued explaining that the unresponsiveness may be due to a stroke or other medical condition and that the police would not be prepared to address the special medications and treatment required for side effects from administering Naloxone. Clearing and opening the airway with intubation is often a necessary follow-up to administering Naloxone and opens liability to police officers not trained to provide more in depth care.

Chief Drouard added that the police do not have airway suction equipment necessary to clear an airway that may be obstructed due to aspiration, which is common after administering Naloxone.

The committee agreed to not move forward with providing Naloxone to police officers at this time but recommended that both police & fire monitor response times and leave the issue open for discussion at a later time.

IN-CAR COMPUTERS:

Chief Goss asked the committee to increase the \$20,000 remaining in the 2016 Law Enforcement Trust Fund (budgeted) to \$35,000 in order to purchase new DataLux computers for each police vehicle. The department has added many software items to assist officers in the field and to communicate with dispatchers and each other. The newer computers will provide mobile "hot-spots" (Wi-Fi) to better send and received communications without interruptions. The current computers are over 7 years old and are due for replacement.

The committee agreed to recommend to council as a whole to move forward with the transfer of funds.

MARIJUANA:

Chief Goss shared information with the committee regarding many issues related to both medical and recreational marijuana use and explained that many issues should be addressed by all departments of the City prior to implementing rules, regulations and ordinances. Some issues he presented involved chemical hazards in processing (CO2 generators, sulfuric acid, butane, pesticides) and other points of concern were zoning, retail siting, compliance checks, training officers and firefighters, public smoking or use and enforcement.

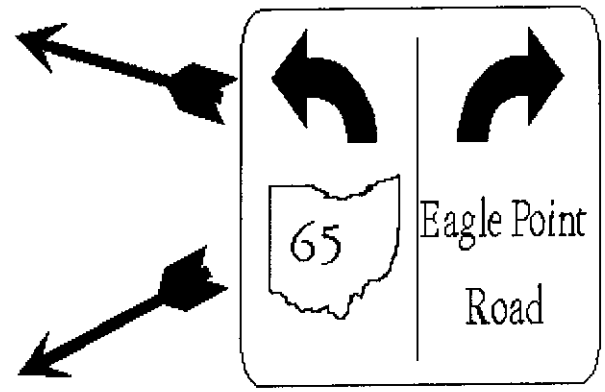
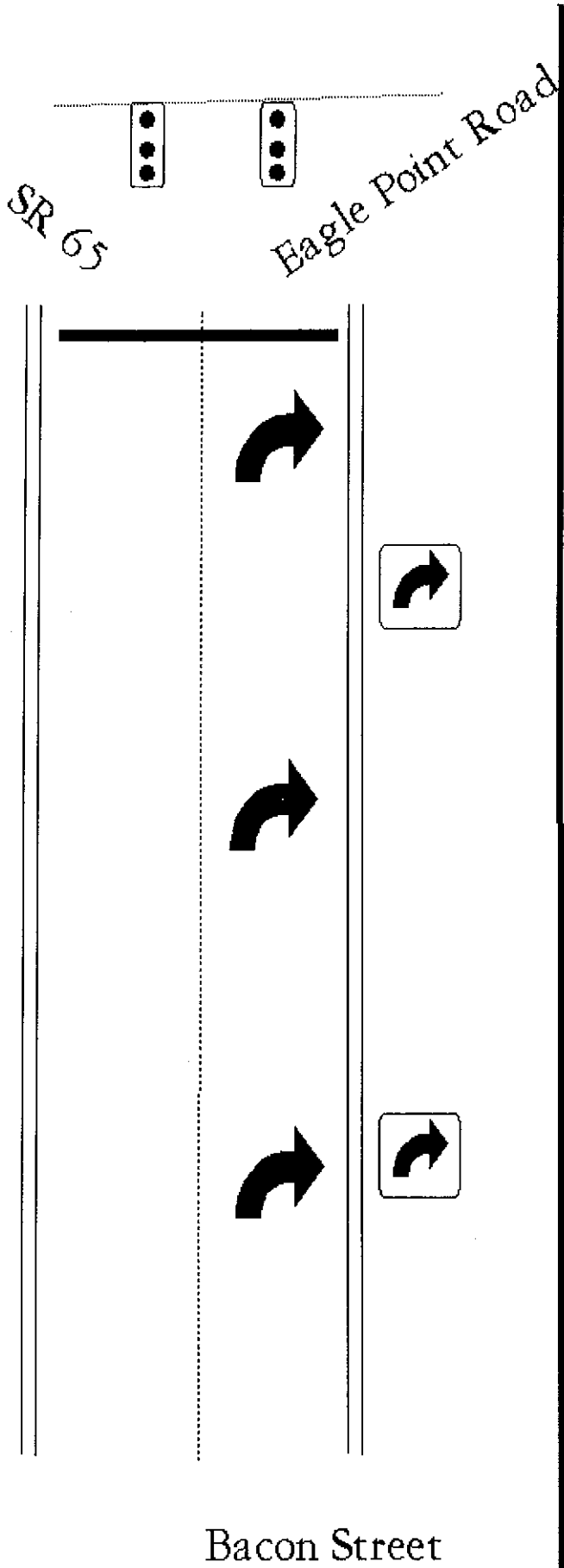
The committee is waiting for input from the Law Director's Office as how to move forward with the new State law regarding medical marijuana.

TRAFFIC SAFETY:

After much discussion, the committee recommends the following changes related to traffic safety;

- 1) Removal of stop signs on Glenwood Road at East Elm Tree Road. Adding "Cross Traffic Does Not Stop" below the stop sign on E. Elm Tree Rd. at Glenwood Rd. This is no longer a school zone and stopping traffic at this intersection can be more of a hazard than a help.
- 2) Increase the speed of Lime City Road from 25 MPH to 35 MPH from the railroad tracks (at the Eagles) to Buck Road.
- 3) Increase the speed of Glenwood Road from 25 MPH to 35 MPH at the railroad tracks (at Bruns Drive) to Buck Road.
- 4) Add signage to Dixie Highway between Osborn and Eagle Point Road to clarify intersection ahead, including adding signs to traffic signals at Dixie Highway and Eagle Point Road indicating LEFT turn for SR 65 and RIGHT turn for Eagle Point Road.
- 5) Widening West Elm Tree Road to allow for parking, installing curbs and sidewalks, at least on one side of the roadway.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 2:13 PM



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