



ROSSFORD FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT

SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Meeting Description Safety Committee Meeting

Results Desired Better communication, Pass on information

Date January 19, 2021 **Time** 1300 hours **Location** via Zoom

Scheduled Time			Actual Time		
Start	Stop	Total Hours	Start	Stop	Total Hours
1300	1400	1.0			

Personnel Attending		
1	Caroline Zuchowski, Chairwoman	(x) present () absent
2	Larry Oberdorf	() present (x) absent
3	Chris Heban	(x) present () absent
4	Josh Drouard Fire Chief	(x) present () absent
5	Ryan Stautzenbach Asst. Fire Chief	(x) present () absent
6	Todd Kitzler Police Chief	(x) present () absent
7	Allyson Murray City Administrator	(x) present () absent
8	Mayor MacKinnon	() present (x) absent
9	Gina Schell Finance Director	() present (x) absent
10	Chris Segura – Union Rep	(x) present () absent

Fire Department – Chief Drouard		✓
1	Reinstating 24 Hour Staffing in 2021- Needs to be a PRIORITY. This needs to be an immediate focus. The Committee agreed and recognizes the need for 24 hour coverage. The Chief would like to continue with 24 hour part time coverage until we can afford it.	
2	Tower 29 is out for repair at Ohio Cat right now. This latest repair is \$5,000. Right now Northwood is set up to bring their vehicle. Details/Requirements if we are going to rely on another municipality's ladder truck, based on the Number of 3 story buildings in our area we need a ladder truck. For mutual aid, they need to be 2.5 miles from most of our streets. It will also depend on the amount of points they have. We need to train on it with them. But as Mr. Ruse pointed out we would still need a pumper truck. We could try to apply for an AFG grant to get a vehicle. The grant period expires Feb 12 th . Our match is 5%. So \$50,000 on a million. We would have to come up with roughly \$800,000 and \$1,000,000 up front which we cannot do at this time. The Chief would like to apply next year for the 2022 fiscal year, and do it right. The Department would	

	like to hire a grant writer for that to at least consult. They have an example from Lake Township to follow.	
3	New SCBA & Compressor are here. There are pictures on FB with the sales rep. They were fit and trained and went to Owens to practice with them.	
4	Turnout Gear 2021 – We need to buy some. The contract says that replacement is due in May. The Chief wants to apply for an AFG grant for new gear and surplus out or old gear. He would like to purchase them in two 10 set lots in 2021 and 2022. He would like to have two sets of gear. There is money in capital to purchase some now, from the money intended for the SBCA (prior to getting the funding for it).	
5	Update on renovations – They have room dividers, locker rooms, showers, and quarters. The biggest issue is the sleeping areas. They are sufficient for now as they are using dividers and cots, but they will need to be upgraded at some point. We don't have the capital to do this all at once, WE need to tackle this in steps. It is premature to develop any major renovation costs	
6	The Chief was able to confirm with the Finance Director that old SCBA components & other items are surplus out via auction the profits from these auctions goes back into the department's capital improvements fund.	
Police Department		
	Chief Kitzler	
	<p>We currently budget \$60,000 for a replacement vehicle each year. This is how we have been doing it for the past 5 years. We get one Tahoe per year. These vehicles stay in the fleet for 7 to 8 years. They are out of warranty after 3 years. We are spending a ton of money repairing these older vehicles sometimes \$18,000 per vehicle. Maintenance has been a killer.</p> <p>The Chief and the City Administrator have been looking for lease options. They found Ford explorers from Reineke in Findlay, for \$18,558.81 per year, with all of the necessary items fully installed for service.. After 3 years we buy them back for \$1.</p> <p>To run 3 shifts they have 6 vehicles. Each SRO has a Tahoe. One training vehicle (older vehicle). The Chief has a vehicle and the detective has a vehicle.</p> <p>After the three years we will have 3 three year old explorers for \$3. At that time we can decide to continue the program or return to purchasing outright. The City Administrator is in favor of this as it helps to eliminate a lot of the unknown costs and we know exactly how much it will be each year.</p> <p>The committee recommends trying it for three years.</p>	
	The Department is working through some man power issues. Two officers have left to go to Oregon for more money. One has been deployed. We are becoming a training ground for other departments because we have fallen so far behind other agencies.	
Vaccinations		
	There has been concern about getting our Police Officers vaccinated. There is a meeting with the county health department and all of the local chiefs on Friday. In	

Lucas county (the 4 smaller depts) has all of thier officers vaccinated. That was coordinated by Lucas county health department. Wood County has been talking about a coordination a meeting for two weeks.

The Police have only had one person positive so far. But they are currently down 4 officers and if we lose anymore we'll be relying on Perrysburg TWP.

The City Administrator has called Ben Robinson, Wood County Health Commissioner. The Governor has not allowed police to get their shots yet.

Chief Kitzler called Hiraz.

