



Public Health and Safety Committee

Wednesday June 29th 2022

3:30pm

In attendance: Chris Heban, Larry Oberdorf, City Administrator Allyson Murray, Police Chief Todd Kitzler, Fire Chief Josh Drouard, Asst. Fire Chief Ryan Stautzenbach, Attorney Kevin Heban (Via phone)

Excused: Caroline Zuchowski-Eckel – Committee Chair

Fire Department:

1. Staffing
 - a. Fire chief explained that they are beginning to ramp up recruiting to add more PT staff to help fill shifts as the department is up 120 runs YTD in 2022.
2. New State of Ohio Fireworks Laws
 - a. HB 172 has made it legal on certain dates for private citizens to obtain and discharge 1.4G fireworks on their private property or the private property of a consenting owner.
 - b. There are many rules and stipulations involved in the new ORC in order to allow the discharge of these fireworks.
 - c. The committee has asked Attorney Kevin Heban to draft an ordinance for the Monday July 11th 2022 City Council meeting and has recommended that council discuss our options to move forward.

Police Department:

1. Staffing
 - a. The new lieutenant position is working out great and the staff morale is high.
 - b. Staffing is down one FT patrol officer.
 - c. One FT patrol officer will be hired as a lateral hire on 6/30/2022.
2. Blocked Railroad Crossings
 - a. In response to trains blocking crossings for extended periods of time Chief Kitzler and Mayor MacKinnon have reached out to leadership at CSX.
 - i. CSX will instruct their operators to cut trains if the road will be blocked for an extended period of time.
3. Active Shooter Training and Bullet Proof Shields
 - a. There will be an active shooter training at the schools to be scheduled in August of this year.
 - b. Chief Kitzler has requested to purchase five shields that can be used in shooting scenarios. These shields will be given to the school resource officers and each



patrol car on duty. The shields protect the officers during an active shooter situation from a plethora of different firearms. Vote on the motion to recommend purchasing the shields: Oberdorf – Aye, Heban – Aye

4. Fixed Cameras
 - a. Chief Kitzler is recommending RPD lease fixed cameras that read license plates as they enter, exit, or travel through certain areas of the City of Rossford.
 - b. The cameras assist in solving crimes.
 - c. Currently Perrysburg, Perrysburg Township, Bowling Green, and Toledo utilize this technology.
 - d. The cameras are \$100 a month per camera for a five-year lease.
 - e. Chief Kitzler would like this in the budget for 2023. Committee will discuss this again moving forward.
5. Outdoor Security Cameras
 - a. Chief Kitzler is currently in the process of gathering quotes for outdoor security cameras for all parks and City Buildings.
6. Bicycle Patrol
 - a. Bicycle patrol is going well and may look to expand the program in the future.