

**Police & Fire Committee Meeting  
21 July 2015**

**Meeting was opened @ 6:35 pm by Committee Chairman Jim Sunderhaus.**

**Present were committee members Jim Sunderhaus, Jim Martin, Bill Clark & Kitty Zech. Also in attendance were Council President Deborah Slaughter, Councilpersons Leslie Roden, Dennis Dinkelacker, Amy Richter, & Police Chief Joe Lally, Fire Chief Bob Klein, & residents: Evan Uchtman, Steve Greenebaum, Partick O'Donnell, Pawan Sharma, & Vidya Sharma.**

**Purpose of the meeting was for our Police & Fire Chiefs to have the opportunity to explain the recent Regional Heroin Task Force the just started.**

**The Chiefs explained that Heroin is the current drug of choice as it is readily available & inexpensive. Individuals from age 15 – 80 hailing from all socioeconomic groups have been affected.**

**Because of the above mentioned factors there are many repeat calls for individuals stuck in the trap of this drug. The old way of dealing with this was ineffective as the revolving door just kept folks returning & making bad decisions. The law enforcement community as well as Emergency Medical Services, Hospitals, Treatment Facilities, support groups, court systems, DART, Regional Drug Unit, RENEW, Coroner's Office, Attorney General's Office, DEA, FBI, & others came together & developed a multidisciplinary approach to attack the problem. At the root is a matrix checklist that is utilized by whoever is the first contact with the individual. Not only is it focused on collecting information but also getting information in the hands of the individual patient so that he or she has the contacts for getting help. Our Fire & Police Departments now have the information packs & get them in the hands of those who need help here.**

**Part of the task force proposal is the ability for police officers to carry the drug narkan which reverses the action of heroin in the body. Given the size of our**

**city (1.25 sq. mile) it has been decided that initially our police officers will not carry the drug as our life squad is only moments away from anywhere in the city**

**Fire Chief Bob Klein also noted that individuals who OD here are sometimes from outside our immediate area & probably met the dealer here for the exchange & couldn't wait to get home.**

**As data on the new initiative begins to be generated the committee would like to be updated.**

**Committee Meeting was closed by Chairman Sunderhaus @ 7:27 pm.**

**Respectfully Submitted Jim Sunderhaus, Chairman**

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**Kitty Zech**

**Bill Clark**

**Jim Martin**