

Safety Committee Meeting
Tuesday April 11th, 2017

Committee Members Present: Jim Martin, Dennis Dinkelacker, Alana Tucker, & Chairman Jim Sunderhaus

Council Persons Present: Kitty Zech, Amy Richter, Patrick Tietmeier. Law Director Debbie Slaughter, Safety Service Director Tom Braun, Police Chief Joe Lally, Fire Chief Bob Klein, & Cheviot residents John Healy & Kim Rohr.

The purpose of the meeting is to get an update on drug activity & a general update from our chiefs.

Chief Klein reported that the Fire Dept received 2 new masks that have thermal imaging built in. Basically it is hands free operation. Also took delivery of a new cot that essentially loads itself in the back of the squad & ballistic vests & kevalar covering for the helmet which will protect firefighters from gunfire. The Norfolk Southern group & the Cheviot Fire Association helped with the purchase of these items.

Squad runs are up 131 runs compared to the same time period last year. Mutual aid runs are up but we need assistance here more often that we're called elsewhere. Captain Larry Cole has retired & Lt. David Miller has replaced him, David is serving as the Emergency Medical Services officer. Matt Baehr has been sworn in as our newest Fire Lieutenant & Tyler Richter was sworn into the ranks of full time firefighter. 3 new business permits have been issued & 30 car seats have been installed.

There have been 22 drug/ heroin related runs this year with 15 of those being Cheviot residents 16 of these patients were transported to the hospital this is a increase as we had 17 over the same period last year. Costs vary from patient to patient 1 dose of Narcan costs \$38.00 & depending on what & how much of a drug was taken could cause a need for multiple doses. Of course there are other costs for other equipment & supplies.

Chief Klein also reported that there has been some trouble with some 911 calls going to the City of Cincinnati and causing a delay in the dispatch. This does not happen when using a land line, however, cell phones especially on the eastside of the will often connect to a tower in Cincinnati & thus be directed there. Communications experts are looking to remedy this. Best bet is to use a land line if you have one.

Police Chief Joe Lally reported that thus far this year Deaths due to overdose are up county Hamilton Co. is at 100 while Montgomery Co. (Dayton) is at 163. For Hamilton Co. this equates to an increase of 40 over last year. Last year 304 this year 627 is the number of individuals county wide that were brought back from the edge so far this year in the county. Last year there were 25 deaths being investigated this year 62 investigations more than double. In Cheviot we've had 21 runs with 1 fatal thus far this year. There is a relationship between deaths & the amount of fentanyl & carfentanyl in the heroin. Chief Lally outlined the supply chain stating that 90% of the drugs come through Mexico. The fentanyl & carfentanyl come from China to Mexico to be mixed with the heroin. Portsmouth, Ohio is a major distribution hub for illegal drugs in our area. Chief Lally also mentioned that there is movement in the State Government to exempt individuals from criminal charges if they seek treatment in 30 days of being charged. This may lead to fewer criminal charges being filed if it becomes law.

The impact on our community is break ins of homes & vehicles especially where basic security measures like locking doors are not done or where valuables are left in plain sight. Copper in vacant homes is also a target. All things considered chief Lally believes that that the county wide task force is slowing the tide.

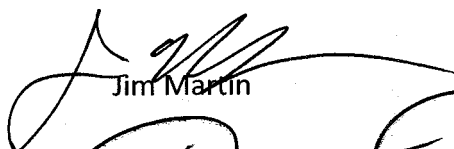
Also of note is that our Police Dog Charlie is now retired & his replacement Kuno is due to comence his service in May. Kuno is being trained for both narcotics & patrol work. He is a German Shepherd from Germany. The Police Explorer program is a great opportunity for youth ages 14 – 20 to learn what a police officer does on a daily basis. See the web site for a online application.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Sunderhaus, Chair



Alana Tucker



Jim Martin



Dennis Dinkelacker