

**REDMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Council Conference Room
15670 NE 85th Street, Redmond, Washington
Tuesday, November 26, 2013
4:30 p.m.

Council

David Carson, Chair
Kim Allen
Hank Margeson
Hank Meyers (*Attending councilmember*)
Pat Vache (*Attending councilmember*)
Byron Shutz (*Councilmember elect*)

Staff

Tommy Smith, Fire Chief
Todd Short, Deputy Fire Chief
Gary Smith, Deputy Fire Marshall
Ron Gibson, Police Chief
Michelle M. Hart, MMC, City Clerk

Meeting Summary

Convened: 4:30 p.m.

Adjourned 5:15 p.m.

Committee Chair David Carson opened the meeting, reviewed the agenda items, and noted Council members in attendance.

Adult Care Facility Emergency Preparedness Survey

Mr. Gary Smith, Deputy Fire Marshall, stated that there are 33 different Adult Care facilities with a total of approximately 1,200 residents in the City of Redmond. The facilities were surveyed to determine how they are prepared for an emergency. Many of the facilities have generators and extra food, but there are a lot of bedridden residents who are going to need emergency help. After a disaster, the facilities will be called or visited to assess emergency need and to get medication for residents.

General discussion ensued regarding if CERT volunteers could help with checking on the facilities to free up firefighters for other emergency situations and if there is any way to include the infirmed living with relatives. Proprietors should take the Redmond Ready class.

WSRB Update

Mr. Todd Short, Deputy Fire Chief, stated that the Washington Survey and Ratings Bureau (WSRB) is a non-profit organization that assesses fire departments mainly for their fire suppression capabilities. The Redmond Fire Department will be assessed in December 2013, with results available in January 2014. That evaluation is reported to all insurance companies in the State of Washington, and can have impacts on premiums residents pay for insurance.

Three New Firefighters

Mr. Tommy Smith, Fire Chief, stated that there will be four new firefighters instead of three. There are seven to nine vacancies in the fire department so this will not put the fire department over budget. The new firefighters will start in January 2014.

School Resource Officer Contract

Mr. Ron Gibson, Police Chief, stated that it is time to renew the contract for the three school resource officers. It is the same contract as in 2013, where \$40,000 is contributed for the officers in the one high school and the two middle schools in the City. The school district is in agreement with signing a two-year contract to align with the biennium budget next year.

General discussion ensued regarding the amount other cities in the district are paying for their school resource officers; and if the school district can pay more of the cost.

Homelessness Update

Mr. Ron Gibson, Police Chief, stated that citizens have been calling the Police Department about the homeless encampment at the library, so they have worked with library staff and The Landing (youth homeless shelter) to alleviate the problem. The Police Department is working on getting a no-trespass order after hours at the library.

General discussion ensued regarding what has happened that caused this homeless encampment to appear all of a sudden.

Public Safety Functional Plan

Mr. Ron Gibson, Police Chief, and Mr. Tommy Smith, Fire Chief, provided an update on the status for the functional plan for Police and Fire. A study session is scheduled for January 14, 2014. The functional plan is intended to be included in the City's Comprehensive Plan. The fire department would like more time to analyze data. Sections included in the functional plan:

- Trends and Conditions
- Performance Measurement
- Service Delivery
- Community Outreach
- Capital Requirements
- Process of Engaging Stakeholders
- Needs for Successful Implementation
- Three-Year Action Plan
- Long-Term Strategy

General discussion ensued regarding if there has been any outreach to the business community and if other cities have created a functional plan. A survey tool called Mindmixer is a way for residents to provide comments about the functional plan.