

**REDMOND CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE/  
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING**

Council Conference Room  
15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> Street  
Redmond, Washington

Thursday, September 9, 2010  
4 p.m.

---

**Council**

David Carson  
Richard Cole (*attending Councilmember*)  
Hank Myers, Chair  
John Stilin

**Staff**

Ron Gibson, Police Chief  
Russ Albertson, Acting Deputy Fire Chief  
Charles Gorman, Police Lieutenant  
Shari Shovlin, Police Commander  
Stacey Auer, Natural Resources Program  
Administrator  
Elizabeth Adkisson, Deputy City Clerk

**Guests:**

Grace Reamer, Legislative Aide for Kathy Lambert  
Todd Myers

---

**Meeting Summary**

Convened: 4 p.m.

Adjourned: 5 p.m.

Chair Hank Myers called the meeting to order and overviewed the agenda – moving item III to the top of the agenda.

**Discussion Re: Role of Public Safety Departments in the Administration of a Drug Take-Back Program**

Police Chief Ron Gibson reported:

- the Public Works Department has conducted research on the recycling and collection of controlled substances;
- in general, a prescribing pharmacy cannot accept unused product, per Federal regulations these must be collected by a law enforcement officer; funding is needed for collection/incineration;
- the Federal Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) will sponsor a drug take-back day on Saturday, September 25, 2010; the City will assign two officers to monitor collections (via drop box, provided by DEA), then hand over to the DEA at one of their take-back locations;

- in the future, the City has inquired as to whether the DEA would accept collections on a quarterly basis, and dispose at no cost to the City; the DEA has agreed to these terms; and
- the Police and Public Works Departments are working together to formulate a regular collection/recycling event in regards to the take-back of controlled substances.

General discussion ensued regarding disposal options, disposal instructions on controlled substances, maintaining anonymity of those dropping off substances at the collection/recycling event, monitoring by drop boxes by law enforcement officers (to be sure only appropriate items are collected), and included statements from meeting guests Mr. Todd Myers; and Ms. Grace Reamer, Legislative Aide for Kathy Lambert.

Councilmember Myers inquired as to whether the Fire Department typically has any involvement in the collection; Acting Deputy Fire Chief Russ Albertson advised they do not.

### **Carbon Footprint Issues**

General discussion ensued regarding the Redmond Police and Fire Departments' efforts to reduce the carbon footprint; in regards to vehicles and fuel consumption.

Chief Gibson reported that since 2008 the Police Department fleet has been composed of 65 percent of vehicles with fuel saving and green features, including hybrids for non-patrol officers (such as detectives), and Dodge Chargers which contain a multi-displacement system. Police Commander Shari Shovlin added that detectives have utilized hybrid vehicles, Ford Escape and Toyota Camry, since 2006. The Toyota Prius was reviewed, however deemed too small and not conducive to law enforcement work.

Discussion ensued regarding idling standards (typically only a K-9 unit vehicle would be in idle mode for a longer period of time: AC for canine); and officer training for carbon footprint issues (how they can actively reduce).

Acting Deputy Chief Albertson reported that the Fire Department also utilizes hybrids for non-response vehicles, specifically used by the Fire Prevention Division; and only four non-hybrid vehicles are still in use by this division.

Discussion ensued regarding additional dispatch/sub-stations in the City in order to decrease travel for officers (places for them to stop and report in/write-up a report, etc), and the use of LED lights.

### **School Resource Officers (SROs)**

Police Lieutenant Charles Gorman reported to the Committee on Redmond's School Resource Officer Program:

- three SROs currently in action, based at:
  - Redmond High School (RHS);
  - Rose Hill Junior High School (RHJHS); and
  - Redmond Junior High School(RJHS);

- work at each school, Monday through Friday, during school hours (and some after hour programs);
- SROs interact with students and school staff;
- at RJHS: SRO has started a number of after school programs – specifically a Latino Outreach Program, which offers resources to families, a soccer program, and after school tutoring (a collaboration with Parks Staff);
- at RHS: SRO has collaborated with staff, and the PTSA (who also provided funding), on a “Text a Tip” program; kids can text an anonymous tip to a specific number, which is received by the SRO and school administration, regarding any unsafe/potentially unsafe situation, and ask for help; the second day of the program a tip led to the collection of a controlled substance on campus;
- “Text a Tip” may expand into the junior high schools as well;
- SROs can be reached, as well, by calling 911 or the school, and asking for the SRO on duty; and
- SROs are currently under the Community Outreach Division of the Police Department; it is anticipated that they will be moved to the Operations Support Division and linked into the system, like a neighborhood officer, with investigators and detectives in the area for information sharing.

General discussion ensued regarding further Police Officer outreach, possible visits to Redmond elementary schools to “walk the playground” and socialize with students and parents; Traffic Officer’s “Lunch Buddies” program; encouraging citizens to call 911 for non-emergency situations - dispatch will distribute accordingly; contact made through the PD webpage (can email tips, and ask to be kept anonymous); and other forums for citizen contact with PSO’s and the PD.

### **Miscellaneous**

Chief Gibson thanked Councilmembers for attending the burglary outreach meetings; and Commander Shovlin reported that in cooperation with Bellevue, there is now a suspect in custody relating to the Overlake area burglaries.