

**REDMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Council Conference Room
15670 NE 85th Street
Redmond, Washington

Thursday, December 9, 2010
4 p.m.

Council

David Carson (*not in attendance*)
Richard Cole (*attending Councilmember*)
Hank Myers, Chair
John Stilin

Staff

Ron Gibson, Police Chief
Bob Oliver, Deputy Fire Chief
Tom Norton, Fire Battalion Chief
Jim Duren, Fire Captain
David Knight, Fire Captain
Elizabeth Adkisson, Deputy City Clerk

Meeting Summary

Convened: 4 p.m.

Adjourned: 4:35 p.m.

Chair Hank Myers called the meeting to order and overviewed the agenda; he noted that item III on the agenda “Charitable Fundraising” has been removed, and will be addressed by the committee at a future meeting; and that item IV “School Resource Officer Agreement” would be addressed first.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO) AGREEMENT

Police Chief Ron Gibson reviewed the major tenants of the School Resource Officer Agreement:

- the agreement with Lake Washington School District (LWSD) is up for renewal for 2011;
- provides for three school resource officers, assigned to the following: one at Redmond High School, one at Redmond Junior High School, and one at Rose Hill Junior High School;
- an annual sum of \$40,000 shall be paid by LWSD to the City of Redmond for services provided; and
- the agreement will be up for approval at the City Council regular business meeting on Tuesday, January 4, 2011.

General discussion ensued regarding the scope of work provided by the officers, involvement in after school activities, utilization of SROs in case of a citywide emergency, and moving the SROs to the Investigations Division of the Police Department.

EXPLORER PROGRAM

Fire Battalion Chief Tom Norton reviewed the Fire Department's Explorer Program:

- program has existed for 20 years;
- program administrator rotates every two to three years; current administrator is Fire Fighter Nate Fennell;
- currently eight to ten participants are involved; ages 21 and under;
- activities include visits to fire stations, ride-a-longs, and education of fire services; and
- Explorers volunteer for a number of events, including Derby Days and Redmond Lights, as well as training sessions.

General discussion ensued regarding CPR training of Explorers and future volunteer opportunities for Explorers for CPR trainings and in general. In addition, Fire Captain Dave Knight provided the committee information on The Good Samaritan Law, as it applies to liability in performing CPR.

Chief Gibson reviewed the Police Department's Explorer Program:

- currently the program has seven participants and two applicants;
- numbers have decreased with the school year beginning, and participants becoming over 21 years old;
- activities include volunteering at City and County events (such as Redmond Lights, Derby Days and National Night Out);
- meets every Tuesday; and
- Explorers won a national award in the past year in recognition of program.

General discussion ensued regarding funding for programs (grants, donations, raised monies).

CITIZEN VOLUNTEERS

Chief Gibson reviewed the Police Department's (PD) citizen volunteer program:

- currently 39 active volunteers;
- volunteers are very involved, and help save the department money;
- volunteers provide such services as: patrol of disabled parking, transport of PD fleet to/from mechanic shop for repairs, check vehicle equipment, records division administrative aid, set-up/take-down of speed watch trailers, fingerprinting, False Alarm Program billing, community outreach programs: bike helmet, child identification, apartment watch, recruitment; emergency operations center (radio) assistance, emergency preparedness assistance, administration assistance for investigations, chaplains, and help at citywide events; and
- can be identified by Redmond Police Department red polo shirt.

Battalion Chief Norton reviewed the Fire Department's citizen volunteer program:

- volunteers do not aid in daily operations (as in the Police Department);
- volunteers provide such services as: chaplains, emergency coordination center assistance, attend CERT – then work in neighborhoods, VISTA volunteers, and grant writing; and
- age ranges vary from youth to adult.

General discussion ensued regarding recognition events for volunteers and expansion of recruitment for volunteer programs.

MISCELLANEOUS

Red Light Cameras Pilot Program: Chief Gibson reviewed the public education programs and marketing materials for the pilot program to date; including:

- a public service announcement has been filmed to be shown on RCTV,
- fliers/trifolds have been distributed (beginning in October 2010);
- have met with Einstein Elementary School administration;
- will be meeting with elementary PTSA;
- information is available on the city website;
- information in the Redmond Reporter;
- posters located throughout Redmond;
- article in the Chamber newsletter;
- mass email notices distributed to neighborhood watch programs; and
- information in Microsoft newsletter.

Chief Gibson addressed a public comment made at the City Council Regular Meeting on Tuesday, December 7, 2010; noting a long history of complaints and incidents involving this particular individual. Councilmembers briefly discussed safety at Council meetings.

Committee Chairman Myers asked for any items from the Fire and Police Departments for the 2011 Public Safety Committee Work Plan. The following items were mentioned:

- review of Marymoor Summer Concert Series/Events traffic and park noise issues (April/May 2011);
- False Alarm Program/Mitigation (Police Department); and
- review of event data for CPR event (Fire Department).