

**REDMOND CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
MEETING SUMMARY**  
City Hall – Council Conference Room  
Thursday, February 21, 2008

**Committee Members**

David Carson, Chair  
Kimberly Allen  
Pat Vache

**Staff**

Steve Harris, Police Chief  
Tim Fuller, Fire Chief  
Bob Oliver, Chief of Operations

**Meeting Summary**

Convene: 8:30 a.m.

Adjourn: 9:45 a.m.

**Police Department Briefing**

Chief Harris reported on the following:

- Vader is the new K-9 and will be on the street in May 2008.
- Patrol is focusing on retail crime.
- FTO (Field Training Officer) – there are 11 officers in field training and training will be completed by August 2008.
- Police is down one officer, one tech support person, one records person is transferring to the Planning Department, and the volunteer coordinator is retiring.
- Two officers are scheduled to move to the SRO (school resource officer) position in September 2008 and will be in the high school and the two junior high schools. This will be a loss for the ProAct and SWAT teams.
- Officers and staff are working on theft reduction. GPS devices are being stolen from cars along with other electronic items that are small and can be grabbed in a hurry (smash and grab).
- Traffic endeavors – two officers and a lieutenant are focusing on enforcement efforts, which include pedestrian safety and red light running, in the NE 40 Street area.
- Critical incidents – trying to move to a ‘how to protect yourself’ partnership with the private sector by the end of 2008.
- Post Office mailed an ID Theft brochure to residents that is very informative and fits well with the “how to protect yourself” project.
- Auto theft investigations are down 36 percent in King County. Staff has met with the prosecutors and they are confident of convictions.
- “My Safe City” is a new project promoting partnerships between local law enforcement, neighboring businesses, civic and community partners in an organized crime fighting initiative throughout the United States. This effort will be a cooperative and collaboration effort between Police and businesses.
- Police needs to be informed of growth – growth affects police and fire and the staffing required to maintain current levels of service.

- Parking enforcement – Police does not have enough staffing for this effort at this time.
- Red light camera enforcement – Police is looking at this issue.
- CCTV – there is a survey in process to see who has cameras (inside and outside).
- Jails – cities must decide where they would locate a jail in their jurisdiction.
- Accreditation – Redmond will continue to pursue state accreditation, but not CALEA accreditation. Many states have dropped the CALEA accreditation process due to CALEA's poor customer service.

*Note: The Redmond Police Department has been accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) since July 1986. Redmond was the first department in the State of Washington to become accredited.*

### **Fire Department Briefing**

Chief Fuller reported on the following:

- Reorganization of top level staff: Bob Oliver, Chief of Operations, Deb Ayrs, Deputy Fire Chief, Andy Hail, Battalion Chief. The plan is to hire a civilian in the position of Business Operations Manager to focus on budget and financial planning. A Commodities Purchasing Officer would be a point for all facilities, equipment, and life support by tracking system needs to purchase/replace equipment.
- Emergency Management Coordinator position has been created. This is a five-year tour of duty. Looking at natural disasters, Phil Grieb, Fire Captain, will be coordinating with Mark Hagreen, Police Commander, in the ECC (Emergency Command Center.) Redmond is becoming a model for its response to emergencies.
- Field Incident Technician (FIT) – With the addition of Station 17, this pilot program will determine what impact the FIT will have to create a safer environment. The FIT will coordinate radio, safety operations, media, traffic control, as well as relief of daily routine issues for the Battalion Chief.
- Three areas of focus are: (1) safety, (2) training (leadership, continuity, and succession benefit), and (3) health and wellness.
- The eight firefighters from the first Fire Academy hit the streets in July 2007. They are now off probation and the department should see a decrease in overtime hours.
- Eastside Fire Departments will meet to discuss what they could do cooperatively and collaboratively. The discussion will focus on a Regional Fire Authority where all Eastside Fire Department would operate under one leader.

*Fire Station 17* – The Fire Department met with Public Works and Tom Langton, Fire Lieutenant, will be a co-project manager on the project with Lisa Singer, Senior Engineer. The two are working very well together on the fire station building project.

- Fire staff met with Parks staff regarding funding from the 1% for the Arts for a functional art structure that kids can crawl on. Parks is looking at incorporating this art into the neighborhood.

- Station 17 will have a multi-function room for training, promotional testing, and public meetings.
- Station 17 design and construction will be reviewed so the problems of water leakage, mold, and mildew that plagued Stations 14 and 16 are alleviated.
- Station 17 is slated to have a dedicated aid car when it opens.
- Fall 2009 is the anticipated date for the opening of Station 17. Two architectural firms have submitted plans. The estimate for design is \$400,000 to \$600,000. There will be a process to involve the community. From design to completion of the station is expected to be 18 months.
- Chief Fuller has requested a delay until fall of 2008 for the hiring of Station 16 personnel.
- Funds were earmarked for Station 17 and have not kept up with inflation. This project is now in the CIP.
- There has been a discussion with Information Services regarding a data center. Chief Fuller reported that Station 17 is ideal for a back-up system, but they will need to provide space for storage of the system.

*Impact of Dedicated Aid Car at Station 12 (Overlake)* - The dedicated Aid Car at Station 12 is working well. It was estimated that previously there were 700+ missed calls. Now, even when the pumper truck is out, they are now responding to three extra calls per day. The plan is working.

### **2008-2009 Work Program**

Following discussion of items to add to the work plan, the items selected are:

- Jails
- NORCOM/REDCOM
- Periodic Regional Police Briefings
- Emergency Management

Councilmember Carson will bring this forward for approval by the Council at the March 4, 2008 meeting.

### **Miscellaneous**

Mark Hagreen and Phil Grieb will be invited to the March 20, 2008 meeting to speak on the Emergency Command Center (ECC.)

There was a suggestion of the possibility that future Public Safety Committee meeting(s) include a tour of fire facilities. Some suggested topics for future meetings were:

- Fire Prevention Division report
- Traffic enforcement updates
- Public education on new initiatives

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