

**REDMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY**

Public Safety Building
Emergency Communications Center
Thursday, April 17, 2008

Council

David Carson, Chair
Kim Allen
Pat Vache

Guest

Redmond Senior High Student

Staff

Tim Fuller, Fire Chief
Steve Harris, Police Chief
Larry Gainer, Assistant Police Chief
Kristi Wilson, Police Commander
Terry Morgan, Police Commander
Mark Hagreen, Police Commander
Shawn Fitzpatrick, Support Services
Supervisor
Robert Schneider, Emergency Manager
Tom Osborn, Emergency Management
Specialist
Phil Grieb, Emergency Management
Coordinator
Michelle M. McGehee, City Clerk
Sandy Marion, Deputy City Clerk

Convened: 8:30 a.m.

Adjourned: 10 a.m.

General Updates

Fire: Chief Fuller advised they are changing to Ergometrics, a new testing group. Ergometrics has a better profile of firefighter standards and is in line with the Redmond Fire Department's recruiting and hiring philosophy. This process will be in place by August 2008.

Police: Commander Wilson reported that there will be two officers on board within a month, which leaves three openings; down from the previous five open positions.

Chief Harris reported that the Mayor has requested all technical systems be coordinated through the Information Services division.

Commander Morgan gave an update of the following:

• **ProAct Team**

- Car prowls are the more prevalent crime with Global Positioning System (GPS) units leading the list. A public education process is in the works with the slogan "Remove It or Lose It." A press release will be issued advising that the number of vehicle prowls specifically targeting GPS units reported to Redmond Police increased from

20 in 2006 to nearly 100 in 2007, a 370 percent increase. As the number of GPS owners increase, so does the problem of vehicle prowls. If the current pace continues, GPS-targeted prowls will increase another 170 percent by the end of 2008.

- **Patrol**
 - There are eight officers are in the sixteen-week field training program.
- **Detectives**
 - Detective Brian Coats received recognition for efforts in a Fraud case he started working on in September 2006. There are 37 victims with a \$37,000 loss. The US Attorney's office has agreed to prosecute the case.
- **Filings**
 - In March 2008 there were 11 felony filings, one from Patrol and the rest from Detectives and Pro-Act. These included charges against nine suspects, with 48 counts of various felony charges.
- **ATTACK Center**
 - When Prosecutors have a case that has been filed against a known prolific auto thief, they are able to utilize Redmond's ATTACK Center, (Auto Theft Tactical Analysis Center of King County,) and in one email, request additional cases from all other departments in King County that have cases against the individual. This has resulted in coordinated case filings that show a pattern of crime and result in exceptional sentences. Usually five or six years of prison time versus a few months in jail.
- **Auto Theft**
 - Forty percent (40%) drop in King County in the past two years.
 - Twenty-three percent (23%) decrease in auto theft in Redmond in the last year.

Fire Department Ride-Along

Committee Chair Carson reported on his Fire Department ride-along experience by saying it was positive and encouraged other members to go on a ride-along.

Miscellaneous

Committee Chair Carson asked Chief Harris for the status of the school resource officer (SRO) program. Chief Harris responded that the department will have two officers ready in September.

Committee Chair Carson requested periodic patrols of Grass Lawn Park for drinking and noise around the park after the 11 p.m. curfew. He reported on complaints from the neighbors of noise from adult team members after the 11 p.m. curfew. Chief Harris responded he would alert the patrol division.

Emergency Command Center (ECC) Tour/Presentation on Emergency Preparedness

Mr. Schneider introduced Tom Osborn, Emergency Management Specialist, and Phil Grieb, Emergency Management Coordinator. Mr. Schneider distributed a copy of his presentation and provided some background information regarding the ECC. He advised the ECC will be activated and functional January 1, 2009. Mr. Schneider explained the different functions of the ECC and the partners involved in ensuring success in an emergency situation.

Mr. Osborn is a grant funded half-time employee (86 hours a month). Some of his responsibilities include:

- Emergency Preparedness Public Education Strategies
 - the “Everyone Prepared Pass it On” CD
 - a new CD regarding how to prepare emergency kits for your home
 - school preparedness for teachers and staff starting in September and October
 - neighborhoods, starting with 250 homes over a four session period to identify the various developments
 - working on vulnerable populations
 - Take the Preparedness Challenge – a one day session for small businesses
- Emergency Advisory Radio System (1650 AM) – working on various messages to be broadcast throughout Redmond on this channel. One of the goals for 2009 is a wireless transmitter and a repeater at an approximate cost of \$42,000. There will be a big push in September on this program.
- Working with the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Supply Center located at City Church in Kirkland, just over the Redmond City Limits. This was a cooperative effort between the Cities of Redmond and Kirkland to utilize a generous anonymous donation. There will be a formal dedication of this center in May 2008. Staff is in the process of redefining shelter and training, and are working with the American Red Cross.

Mr. Grieb, a former Medic One employee, described the plan to move forward by stating that the public education process need is huge and staff needs to focus internally. \$300,000 was approved for the ECC in the 2005-2007 CIP (Capital Improvement Program) budget. The project was completed and all CIP funds were expended in 2007. He explained the functions of the four main rooms. There are no allocations for ongoing maintenance and replacement of equipment and capital reserves are going to be needed. The computers, however, are on a replacement schedule.

There are 22 team members and will participate in bi-monthly training, drills, and in May there will be an active shooter drill with Microsoft and others. Staff will be needed 24/7 for the length of any emergency and a minimum of two shifts will be required.

Councilmember Allen requested staff provide a briefing for the Council and the public. Mr. Schneider suggested a possible study session and will work with Marta Gronlund on condensing the presentation to five minutes and a short film presentation and possible webstreaming on Channels 21 and 75.

Councilmember Vache suggested putting chapters on emergency preparedness on the “On Demand” section of the City’s webpage using in-house talent, or those doing the work to be showcased on the film.

Councilmember Allen stated that emergency preparedness was identified by citizens as a priority.