



Public Safety Committee Minutes

Date: March 21st, 2022
Location: Police Department Squad Room
Minutes: Prepared by Hayley Williams

Public Safety Committee Members & Related Staff

The meeting began at 6:00pm and ended at 7:30pm Councilmembers Bobby Martinez, Thomas Sauvageau, and student Jonah Ayer were present as were Police Chief Tim Floyd, Commander Tony Ryan, and Department Assistant Hayley Williams.

AGENDA ITEMS:

- Opening Remarks – Department Update

The position of Evidence Tech is in the process of being filled. This position will cover digital records, body cams, and evidence. There were 14 applicants. 9 were invited to the oral boards. 2 withdrew. 7 passed. The top 3 scores completed interviews with Chief Floyd. A decision will be made soon.

Corrections will be going through their PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act) Audit March 22 and 23. Audit is every 3 years. The standards this audit covers are federal. We have to be held to these same standards as we do at times house DOC federal inmates.

Sgt Desens is retiring in June. Heidi Boyovich did oral board got a 92. Will be first corrections female Sergeant. Will transition her the next couple of months.

A new Dispatcher has a conditional offer pending her background check. She is currently a corrections officer at SCORE. This is in the background process now.

We are still down a corrections officer. Oral boards were held recently. No one was hired from this pool. Will be starting over.

- Legislative update

HB 2037 has been signed by the Governor and takes effect immediately. Can prevent a person from fleeing or stop a person who is actively fleeing a lawful temporary investigative detention (Terry Stop, Warrant Hit) You must however state, "You are being detained and are not free to leave."

Physical force may be used to protect against an imminent threat of bodily injury to the officer, another person, or the person against whom force is being used (behavioral health issues).
Deadly force: imminent has been replaced with immediate threat. (You can read the full bill [here](#))

HB 1719 was passed. This relates to military equipment and narrowing the restriction on firearms to include only rifles of .50 caliber or greater (full bill [here](#))

HB 1735 was passed. Modifying the standard for use of force (full bill [here](#))

HB 5919 on pursuits died on the Senate floor.

Blake Bill still in effect. This is HB 5476 (full bill can be found [here](#)) 3 strikes before can cite them.
Problem is not being able to share information across jurisdictions.

- LEMAP recap
LEMAP (Loaned Executive Management Assistance Program) Team of assessors from across the state. Top to bottom review and report card on our department. March 1 and 2 had nine assessors here. Ran LEMAP for patrol and jail at the same time.
Final report by 2nd week of April.
- New city ordinance for Corrections Officer legal authority
Don't have statutory authority to be running a jail. Working on writing up and will be brought to council.
- Ordinance 2560 Emergency Management
City handbook lists Police chief as Emergency Management director. City ordinance list Fire chief. Conflicts. Will have to change 2560 to change from fire chief to police. Will be brought to council in next couple of meetings.
- Potential Key Bank building sale – PD interest
Key Bank is up for sale. The current building Police Department is in is out of space.
Looking at different avenues for possible funding.
- Round table
Bobby Martinez asked about DT (Defensive Tactics) program. It is a high priority. In the process of deciding who wants to be instructors and then getting them trained.
Tom Sauvageau asked about the school bomb threat arrest. An arrest was made. Case is with prosecutor now.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 18th, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

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