

**POLICE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
February 6, 2013**

Call to Order

Chairman McIvor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Darien City Hall. In attendance: Chairman McIvor, Alderman Poteraske and Alderman Seifert, Chief Brown, Deputy Chief John Cooper, Administrator Vana.

Public Comment and Communications

There were no public comment or communications presented.

Minutes

The minutes of the December 6, 2012, Police Committee meeting were unanimously approved.

Surplus Property

Staff requested the following equipment be declared surplus and prepared for sale: 2006 Ford 500, VIN #1FAFP27116G187724, mileage 112,428, Two (2) Kodak Easy Share M340 cameras, HP Color Laser Jet 4600dn color printer, Schwinn Air-Dyne Exercise Bike, miscellaneous clothing from evidence, I-Pod Shuffle from evidence, and a Dewalt Tool w/battery from evidence to be sold at auction. The Police Committee unanimously recommended approval of an ordinance declaring the items surplus property and that the property to be auctioned using Public Surplus or be disposed of.

Ammunition Purchase

Staff advised the FYE2013 Budget includes the purchase of ammunition for the police department. The price of ammunition has been on a steady increase. Chief Brown suggested purchasing ammunition with the Downers Grove Police Department to save some cost based on volume. Downers Grove completed a bid process and awarded the bid to Kiesler's who had the best price. The savings came out to \$2368.00 for Darien by purchasing (43) cases of ammunition at a cost of \$12,489.00 with Downers Grove. The Police Committee unanimously recommended approval of purchase.

Crime Mapping Software

Staff advised that during our research on crime mapping software we were approached by two companies that provide crime mapping software. Crime Reports was already in use by Villa Park P.D. and they are satisfied with the product. Additionally, Crime Reports does interface with DuComm software which is critical to our use of the product. The second company, BLAIR Analytics, was less well known, but did offer a pricing structure that was slightly more competitive. Based upon the competitive pricing we tested BLAIR for approximately three months. During that time there was a series of glitches in getting the data from DuComm to BLAIR, through no fault of DuComm. We then determined not to recommend BLAIR since their product experienced great difficulty interfacing with the software at DuComm. BLAIR committed to fix the glitches and offered us one free year of service. Staff advised that we confirmed the glitches were worked out and will be accepting the free year.

Laser Shot-Firearms Training

Staff advised as part of the FYE 14 budget, the police department is requesting to purchase a Laser Shot machine which is a firearms simulator specifically designed to provide judgment based shoot/don't shoot scenarios using a video library of scenarios that the firearms instructor can manipulate. This type of product, when combined with traditional live fire exercises, conforms to modern day firearms training practices. The plan is to eliminate two of the live fire practice sessions and replace them with sessions involving the judgment based training, using the simulator. The elimination of the two practice sessions will result in a cost savings for live ammunition and it is anticipated that the savings should pay for the machine (system) itself within the first three to three and one half years. This was informational only to review prior to budget meetings.

School Engagement Program Update

Chief advised that we continued meetings with the schools regarding future police and school interaction program. The meetings concluded with a consensus from the group as to the current development of the changes. The Chief reiterated the process for the 3 officers per shift to serve as engagement officers, the BOTVIN training program, and the importance of including parents in the meetings.

Department Report

Staff provided an overview on the monthly report that was distributed in the packet.

Adjournment

The Committee Meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Approved: _____
Date

Alderman: _____
Joseph Kenny

Chairman: _____
Sylvia McIvor

Alderman: _____
Thomas Belczak