

**POLICE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
May 18, 2015**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m. in the police department training room. In attendance: Alderman McIvor, Alderman Marchese and Alderman Beilke, Chief Brown, Deputy Chief Cooper, Sergeant Greg Cheaure, and City Administrator Bryon Vana.

Public Comment and Communications

Alderman Beilke received a complaint from a resident regarding loud motorcycle noises heard early in the morning. Enacting a noise ordinance for the City of Darien was discussed.

Minutes

The minutes of the April 20, 2015, Police Committee meeting were unanimously approved.

Motion to Approve the Sale of Surplus Property

Staff requested various pieces of City property to be declared as surplus and auctioned using an on-line auction service "Public Surplus" or disposed of accordingly. The Committee unanimously recommended approval.

Motion to Approve the Purchase of an Interactive Display Board

The Department recommends approval of an Interactive Display Board (Smart Board) in the amount of \$6,930.36 using Department of Justice award money. It will be used in staff meetings and presentations. The display will be connected to the City network and internet. Deputy Chief Cooper advised that this will be a mobile display unit so that it can be moved around as needed. The Committee unanimously recommended approval of this item.

Discussion of Department Overtime

Chief Brown informed the Committee that Staff has been working to review overtime patterns within the Department. They are working closely with Finance to monitor sick time and overtime patterns. Every 28 days Finance will provide a break down to Staff of the overtime logged within that period. The Committee expressed a concern with the correlation between overtime and officer fatigue. The Department is also addressing overtime based on rank, specifically the issue of a more senior officer acquiring overtime to fill in for a lower ranking officer. Chief Brown's goal is to reduce overtime to no more than 8% of total salaries paid. The use of part-time police officers is being considered.

2015 Chief's Goals and Objectives

Chief Brown reviewed the 7 goals that he established for 2015. Alderman McIvor suggested that the goals should have measurable objectives and time frames attached to them. The Committee would like to see measurable numbers attached to the goals listed. They would like to see the goals categorized as financial, personnel, operations and community.

Update on Crime Free Housing

This item was passed due to time restrictions.

Update on Burglary Pattern from November 17th

Chief Brown confirmed that the suspect in the recent burglary ring is being extradited from New Jersey. The capture of this suspect is a success. There have been no new burglaries reported.

3rd Period Monthly Report

The review of the written monthly report will be done at the Council meeting. Chief Brown mentioned a recent scam where a Darien resident was contacted by an individual claiming to be from the Attorney General's office requesting

money from the resident. She contacted the Darien Police Department and was able to give us the number of the scammers. The Department is currently investigating this incident.

Adjournment

The Committee Meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Approved: _____
Date

Alderman: _____
Joseph Marchese

Chairman: _____
Sylvia McIvor

Alderman: _____
Tina Beilke