

**PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING
JUNE 6, 2018**

MAYOR	CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS	CITY STAFF
Jill Boudreau	Melissa Beaton	Police Chief Jerry Dodd
	Richard Brocksmith	Project Development Manager Peter Donovan
	Iris Carias	Fire Chief Bryan Brice
	Mary Hudson	Library Direct Isaac Huffman
	Joe Lindquist	City Attorney Kevin Rogerson
	Gary Molenaar	Principal Planner Rebecca Lowell

The Public Safety Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Council Member Mark Hulst. The May 2, 2018, Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes were approved and adopted as presented.

DETECTIVE BEN GREEN – HUMAN TRAFFICKING

- Human and Sex Trafficking 101 – PowerPoint
 - Detective Green provided a general overview of what trafficking is and how we work with it here in MVPD. Following is a synopsis.
 - Statistics
 - “Hot Spots”
 - Rescued survivors
 - Recruitment tactics
 - Immigration
 - Substance Abuse
 - Mental Health
 - When is it trafficking
 - Act
 - Recruiting, transporting, harboring, receiving/giving benefits
 - Means
 - Violence, threats of violence etc.
 - Purpose = Human Trafficking
 - In years past, the victim was **(not the perp)** was charged with prostitution, etc.
 - Past - 90% victim; 10% perp
 - Current - 90% perp; 10% victim
 - Sex trafficking indicators include...
 - Chronic runaway/homeless youth
 - Excess amount of cash
 - Hotel keys and key cards
 - Lying about age – false ID
 - Inconsistent when describing and recounting events
 - Unable or unwilling to give local address or information about parents/guardians
 - Fear of another person (often older male or boyfriend who seems controlling)

- High number reported sexual partners at young age
- Sexually explicit profiles on social networking sites
- Lacks knowledge about current whereabouts and travel plans
- Physical abuse
- Fear of social interaction
- Demeanor exhibiting fear, anxiety, depression, submissiveness, tenseness, nervousness
- Not going to school
- Does not consider self a victim
- Loyalty to pimp/trafficker
- Protect pimp/trafficker from authorities
- Prepaid cell phones
- Moniker/symbol tattooed or branded
- “Go Bag” with condoms, lube, baby oil and baby wipes
- How Transactions Take Place
 - Online
 - Easy for buyers to find supply online anonymously
 - Victims moved through areas quickly
 - Victims kept under control via threats, drugs, etc.
 - Sophisticated business (income control, electronics, work to cover tracks)
 - Due to sheer volume, tough to track all incidents
 - Work with data mining software through FBI
- Sex trafficking less risky than drug trafficking
- Sex trafficking is a lucrative “business”
- Victims can be anyone – no one type of person fits the mold
 - Traffickers want victims to blend in with society
- MVPD is a member of the FBI’s CSEC Task Force as well as the Secret Service ICAC Task Force
 - Both provide training

PRINCIPAL PLANNER REBECCA LOWELL – TRAFFIC IMPACT FEE DISCUSSION

- Provided *Summary of Transportation Impact Fee Calculations* document and discussed same

POLICE CHIEF JERRY DODD

- AUDIT RESULTS
 - Internal Audits
 - Use of Force
 - Internal Affairs Investigations
 - Pursuits
 - Racial Profiling/Bias
 - Conduct internal testing and policy testing annually
 - WCIA Liability Audit
 - One minor issue
 - State Audit
 - Evidence Procedures

- Payroll Process
 - Exit Process for Employees
 - Vehicles
 - Passed all audits
- HIRING AND PERSONNEL UPDATES
 - Provided numbers for three years hiring
 - On average hire one for every 72 candidates
 - Last month, an officer was hired/sworn-in on a Wednesday and quit two days later on Friday
 - Due to three vacancies, medical leave, military leave, etc. 20% of MVPD workforce is not currently functional
 - Officer Ryan Strong almost through field training phase
 - Hired Officer Chris Harris on 03/05/18 (BLEA scheduled 08/23/18)
 - MVPD developed pre-Academy program for new hires
 - Officer Harris currently assisting CSOs as well as responding to special details
 - Hired Records Specialists Casie Strand and Carrie Hoyle
 - Records Division is fully staffed
 - CSO Jon Skiffington retired after 23 years of service
 - In process of replacing CSO Skiffington
 - Still attempting to hire police officers, CSO
 - Preparing to hire a Park Ranger (new position)
 - Provided information on qualifications, hiring process, job description, schedule, etc.
 - Limited authority – ability to enforce City Ordinances
 - Prior to hiring, need to address/talk to Civil Service, HR, Guild, write job description, conduct testing, background, polygraph, psychological, medical, etc.
 - SVC Park Academy graduates are already calling and showing interest in this full-time position
- 2017 NUMBERS OF INTEREST
 - Chief Dodd is proud of the many accomplishments of the MVPD staff as documented in the 2017 Annual Report which was provided to the Mayor and Council Members
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- NEIGHBORHOOD ISSUES
 - Discussed neighborhood policing
 - Officers assigned to specific neighborhoods
 - Provided table showing problem areas, problems defined, and disposition

- MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS
 - Directed policing emphasis in Historic Downtown and Edgewater Park
 - Officer Bill Howard assigned to this neighborhood
 - Chief Dodd walks through downtown on Friday afternoons
 - Domestic Violence STOP Grant and Forensic Software Grant
 - Can purchase phones through Verizon for \$0.99 each
 - Will eliminate need for recorders and cameras
 - Police vehicle hit by intoxicated driver was totaled
- Council Member Mark Hulst talked about the drive-by shootings that occurred last weekend and suggested the Council would like an updated report on actual gang activity
 - Per Chief Dodd, the first drive-by was “road rage.” Chief Dodd cautioned assuming all shootings are gang related is an unfair perception.
 - La Venture shooting involved gang associates; however, the victim was not a gang member.
- Council Member Molenaar requested Outreach Coordinator Erin von Fempé also attend a Public Safety Committee Meeting and provide an updated report on her work.

FIRE CHIEF BRYAN BRICE

- EMS LEVY DISCUSSION
 - The Skagit County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution that includes an increased rate and schedules two April meetings for the public to learn and comment on the plan.
 - Per Jeff Sargent, County’s EMS Director, rate increase amounts to \$0.44/\$1,000 in assessed property value
 - Median value home of \$262,000 would cost about \$115 annually or about \$17 more than current rate
- FIRE STATION ONE
 - Discussed background of Fire Station 1
 - Constructed in 1964, call volume was approximately 500 calls/year
 - Call volume in 2017 was 5,534
 - Provided examples of concerns
 - No security
 - Inadequate housing space for firemen
 - Length of building cannot accommodate needed fire apparatus
 - No exhaust system
 - Not enough space for crew to perform daily work associated with fire prevention or education
 - No ventilation system to remove warm/hot air that accumulates in apparatus bay
 - Cannot co-locate unit from Central Valley Ambulance affecting response of EMS personnel
 - Overall, Fire Station 1 is an inadequate facility
 - Talked about the needs

- Minimum of 18,000 square feet with four apparatus bays, maintenance bay, kitchen, office work areas and sleeping quarters
- Need a roughly rectangular, relatively flat property approximately one acre in size
- What has been done
 - Planning for a site
 - Rough room dimensions and needs drafted
 - Meetings with Public Safety Chair to gather input, concerns, and helpful information
- What still needs to be done
 - Need to retain architect for preliminary design, needs assessment, cost estimator, community outreach
 - Place bond on ballot
 - Finalize architectural and structural design
 - Begin construction