

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 25, 2003
TO: Michael G. Herring, City Administrator
FROM: Chief Ray Johnson
SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

The Public Health & Safety Committee met on Monday, March 24, 2003. Those in attendance included Chairperson Mary Brown, Ward IV, Councilmember Jane Durrell, Ward I, Councilmember Barry Streeter, Ward II, Councilmember Michael Casey, Ward III. Also in attendance were City Administrator Michael Herring and Chief Ray Johnson and members of the Police Department.

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 PM by Councilmember Brown. Councilmember Streeter arrived at approximately 6:00 PM, prior to any votes being taken.

2. Police Officer - Secondary Employment

Chief Johnson presented information regarding proposed changes to secondary employment guidelines and requirements for Police Officers.

The first change would require officers to secure workers compensation from their secondary employer. If workers compensation is not provided by their "secondary" employer, a signed form acknowledging that the City's coverage does not extend to the officer, under those circumstances, must be signed by the officers. Mr. Herring noted that this policy has been requested by the self-insurance pool, of which the City is a member. It is a policy that will be implemented by all other members of the City's insurance pool. Councilmember Casey motioned and Councilmember Streeter seconded to require officers to provide proof of workers compensation insurance or sign a waiver that acknowledges the lack of workers compensation insurance. The motion carried 3-0.

The second revision would limit officers from working security employment in areas where their police powers would not exist and also limit officers from working for a security company who would then assign the officers to a third party security position. Chief Johnson noted his concern regarding liability issues of police officers providing security outside of the State of Missouri.

Chairperson Brown recognized Lieutenant Sheilah Davis who spoke on behalf of officers attending the meeting. She explained their duties as security consultants while working for the outside agency.

Mr. Herring noted that he would like to review the information provided by Lieutenant Davis and discuss this matter further with Chief Johnson and the City's insurance administrator. The Committee members agreed. Councilmember Streeter motioned and Councilmember Casey seconded to table this issue. The motion carried 3-0.

1. Approval of Minutes – October 28, 2002

Councilmember Casey motioned and Councilmember Streeter seconded to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2002 as amended. The motion carried 3-0.

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3. VIP (Volunteers in Policing Program)

Chief Johnson reported that the Police Department is proposing a new program, Volunteers in Policing (VIP). This program will utilize volunteers assisting the Police Department in community programs and clerical activities. (see attached)

Councilmember Casey motioned and Councilmember Streeter seconded to approve the establishment of the Volunteers In Policing Program. The motion carried 3-0. Information regarding this program will be available on the City's website and in the Citizen newsletter, and will be shared with the Mayor and all other Councilmembers.

4. Traffic Signal Enforcement

Chief Johnson briefed the Committee on efforts by the Police Department to target red light violations within the City of Chesterfield, especially at major signalized intersections. The Police Department will be utilizing regular and Reserve officers, and will also issue a press release outlining these efforts. Chief Johnson also noted that monthly reports will be generated noting the progress of this enforcement. The Committee members voiced their support.

5. National Security Threat Levels – Police Department Response

Mr. Herring reported that the Police Department is highly involved in City protection in relationship to National Threat Levels. Copies of the Police Department's directed responses to threat levels were distributed to Committee members. Chief Johnson also noted that the Police Department has participated in a building threat assessment. He also noted that the Police Department has trained over 35 people in Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT) and a third training session is scheduled to begin in April. A three day CERT Instructor Training program will be hosted by the Chesterfield Police Department in May. Chief Johnson also informed the Committee members that grants totaling \$7,500.00 (no matching funds required) are available from the State of Missouri to assist with CERT training and the Department has applied for these funds. Police Department staff have also participated in two terrorist related table-top exercises in conjunction with the Chesterfield Fire District and St. Luke's Hospital and Chesterfield Mall.

There was no other business. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.