

Safety Committee Activity:

Safety Committee Meeting Minutes June 5, 2018

Present: Chief Rizzo, Cindy Nairn and Dennis Galicki

- The meeting was called to order at 0800 hours. Chief Rizzo updated the committee on the resignation of part-time police officer Michael Roberts. Officer Roberts was a valued member of the police department however newly added responsibilities with his full-time position with the Orange Police Department, significantly reduced his availability to the police department.

The committee consented to Chief Rizzo filling the part-time vacancy that was created by Officer Roberts' resignation. The hiring process dictated by policy will be followed.

Chief Rizzo also informed the committee that he intends on posting the vacant "Sergeant" position in-house later this summer and would like to have that position filled by fall time. Chief Rizzo explained that the vacant Sergeant position was created by Sgt. Malone who retired at the beginning of 2018.

- Discussion was held among the group regarding junk vehicles, building and zoning violations. The group expressed concerns that some of the governing ordinances are outdated and may have been implemented before the village's building department was in existence for enforcement authority. The group feels that some of the existing ordinances should be re-evaluated and updated if deemed necessary.
- Chief Rizzo updated the committee on the (1) Cops & Kids Fishing event (2) Walters Road construction project and (3) Vacation Watch program.
 1. Cops & Kids Fishing Event is Sunday, June 10, 2018 at Lake Louise, 9am – 2pm;
 2. Walters Road construction project is projected to be completed in October 2018;
 3. Vacation Watch Program continues to be popular with the village residents.
- Discussion was held regarding the Emergency Operations Group. The committee desires to thank the citizens that participated in the implementation of the Emergency Operations Plan and reach out to them in the future should they have a continued interest as circumstances change and evolve in the future. The committee would now like to proceed with the next phase of the EOP, an assessment by Geauga County EMA, of potential vulnerabilities within the village. Chief Rizzo advised that he has a schedule conflict with the EMA meeting date of June 14. Chief Rizzo advised that he will contact Geauga County EMA officials and re-schedule the meeting. Chief Rizzo will post the re-scheduled date as soon as it is available.
- The Chief advised that the Police Open House is scheduled for September 8th at 10 a.m. This event, as in the previous years, will allow the public to observe demonstrations, interact with officers, and get a firsthand look at the resources available from the Chagrin Valley law enforcement and fire agencies within VEG. This event will be held at the police department.

- The traffic light repairs / upgrades are still being completed and processed. Our tornado siren policy was conveyed to the public via the South Russell Newsletter and Facebook. The purpose of the correspondence was to educate and inform residents how the system operates when an alert is initiated.
- The speed box is still posted on Fairview Drive and Officers continue to give that street extra attention due to a heavier than normal traffic flow stemming from the Walters Road construction. Speeding complaints stemming from residents on Fairview have decreased and Officers are not seeing citable violations.
- Chief Rizzo updated the committee on the 5-year plan for rotating out and upgrading radios. The Chief explained that the current radios will not be supported going forward and that eventually all radios will need to be replaced.
- Finally, the group discussed events being held at the Village Park wherein alcohol is served. The group is aware of other municipalities where, during such events, an off-duty police officer is hired by the group that is reserving the facility. Chief Rizzo advised that such practices are common and that this could reduce exposure of liability to the village should an officer be included in the terms of the rental contract. The Chief recommends one officer for parties that exceed / expect more than 75 attendees where alcohol will be served. Events which are expected to have more than 150 attendees should be considered an event that requires at least 2 officers.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.