

Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

July 3, 2018

Present: Chief Rizzo, Cindy Nairn and Dennis Galicki

The meeting was called to order at 0800 hours. Present were Chief Rizzo, Dennis Galicki and Cindy Nairn.

- Chief Rizzo updated the committee on the status of the vacant part-time officer position. Chief Rizzo advised that 3 applications have been received as of this date.
- Chief Rizzo also advised that Todd Pocek, was the only candidate that expressed an interest in the vacant Sergeant's Position. Chief Rizzo distributed Pocek's resume and qualifications to the Safety Committee. Todd Pocek (on duty) responded to the station and met with Nairn and Galicki for a promotional interview. The interview lasted approximately 30 minutes and after Pocek was dismissed, Nairn and Galicki said that they were both impressed with Pocek and they recommended to Chief Rizzo that he should proceed with the process to have Pocek promoted.
- Chief Rizzo gave an update on the "junk vehicle" assignments and advised that some of the violators are now in compliance and that the remaining violations were in progress.
- Chief Rizzo reported that all full-time officers would be completing a 3-day training, "Emergency Vehicle Operations Class" during the months of August, September, and October. This training was also offered to any interested part-time officer if their schedule permits. The training is hosted and instructed by the Geauga County Sherriff's Office. Chief Rizzo checked to see if this training would reduce insurance costs for which he was advised that it would not.
- The committee was updated on the research done regarding a police officer being present at any function in the village where alcohol is being consumed while on Village property. Chief Rizzo advised that he spoke to a representative from the insurance company. The representative advised Chief Rizzo that approximately 75% of communities allow alcohol but stated the village should determine if an officer is required at such events.
- Chief Rizzo reported that the on-going data collection on Fairview Road does not show any significant speed violations. The speeds are all in the "20's".
- Chief Rizzo advised that he is updating the police department's 5-year plan wherein he included a step process for replacing radios over the next several years if Council chooses to do so.
- Finally, Chief Rizzo advised the committee that the Service Department employees all have been doing an outstanding job servicing the police vehicles. Mechanic Jeff Pausch found a used, non-functional brake rotor lathe for sale and requested permission to purchase for \$350. Chief approved the purchase and Jeff was able to repair the machine for under \$50. The equipment was tested on police cruiser #8210's brake rotors with outstanding results. The equipment purchase will save the Village thousands of dollars going forward. Thanks to Jeff, Tim and Rick for all having a role in maintaining the police fleet.

The meeting was adjourned at 1030 hours.