

Fire Department Activity (June 2018):

<u>Incident-Exp#</u>	<u>Alm Date</u>	<u>Alm Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Incident Type</u>
18-0000637-000	06/01/2018	02:50:38	5277 Chillicothe RD	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident
18-0000638-000	06/01/2018	11:23:27	543 E Washington ST	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident
18-0000641-000	06/02/2018	12:46:25	117 Mapleridge DR /South	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident
18-0000644-000	06/03/2018	10:17:01	5277 Chillicothe RD /Sout	Alarm system activation, no fire - un
18-0000645-000	06/04/2018	10:17:11	1091 Sheerbrook DR	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident
18-0000651-000	06/05/2018	19:57:56	5277 Chillicothe RD	Alarm system activation, no fire - un
18-0000658-000	06/07/2018	16:32:58	115 Countryside DR	Smoke or odor removal
18-0000669-000	06/09/2018	11:07:26	1084 Sheerbrook DR /South	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident
*18-0000671-000	06/09/2018	19:10:16	5277 Chillicothe RD	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident
18-0000673-000	06/10/2018	03:00:46	5277 Chillicothe RD	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident
18-0000678-000	06/11/2018	11:21:00	551 E Washington ST /Sout	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident
18-0000686-000	06/13/2018	09:55:11	113 Laurel RD	Detector activation, no fire - uninte
18-0000691-000	06/13/2018	16:59:28	33 Forest DR	Public service
18-0000695-000	06/14/2018	05:47:08	154 Lakeview LN	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident
18-0000698-000	06/14/2018	13:37:59	551 E Washington ST /Sout	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident
18-0000705-000	06/15/2018	17:10:46	115 Laurel RD	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident
18-0000709-000	06/16/2018	19:08:00	516 E Washington ST	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident
18-0000713-000	06/17/2018	09:48:46	404 Reserve TRL	Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)
18-0000719-000	06/18/2018	19:56:45	1084 Sheerbrook DR	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident
18-0000733-000	06/20/2018	11:45:31	Bell RD & Chillicothe RD	Motor vehicle accident with injuries
18-0000739-000	06/21/2018	14:10:04	5277 Chillicothe RD	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident
18-0000746-000	06/23/2018	02:01:51	17 Kimberwick CT	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident
18-0000748-000	06/23/2018	12:42:20	5196 Chillicothe RD /Sout	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident
18-0000749-000	06/23/2018	16:35:55	249 Manor Brook DR /South	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident
18-0000759-000	06/25/2018	02:15:26	5277 Chillicothe RD	Alarm system activation, no fire - un
18-0000768-000	06/26/2018	18:53:49	5277 Chillicothe RD	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident
18-0000770-000	06/27/2018	08:54:35	551 E Washington ST /Sout	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident
18-0000777-000	06/29/2018	12:15:42	106 Dorset DR	Alarm system activation, no fire - un
18-0000778-000	06/29/2018	13:00:13	Bell RD & Chillicothe RD	Power line down
Total Incident Count		29		

Safety Committee Meeting Minutes August 7, 2018

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

- Chief Rizzo updated the committee regarding the gas line rupture that occurred on Sunday, August 5th. Chief Rizzo reviewed the incident with the committee members. Chief Rizzo explained that a person on a riding lawn mower struck an exposed gas pipe which compromised the pipe and caused a significant leak. Chief Rizzo reported that the incident lasted approximately 90 minutes wherein several residences were evacuated on West Bel-Meadow as well as traffic restricted from entering and exiting the Kensington development. Bell Road within the vicinity of the leak was also closed until a Dominion Gas technician arrived and made a repair to the pipe, stopping the gas leak. A Facebook posting as well as a text alert was utilized to notify the residents and public when the event concluded.

Dennis Galicki noted that Kensington, like other neighborhoods in the village, has limited ingress/egress (one way in, one way out). Due to this some people were inconvenienced however their safety was the priority during the time that the gas was actively leaking.

Chief Rizzo has located and documented the exposed gas pipes on the east side of the village. Chief Rizzo advised that he has placed a call into the Dominion Gas company inquiring what could be done to help minimize a similar incident in the future.

- The increasing popularity of golf carts on public roadways was discussed next. Cindy Nairn reported that she has noticed this trend in the Manorbook Community. Chief Rizzo explained that golf carts, when licensed, are permitted to be operated on streets with speed limits that are posted at 35 miles per hour or less. Chief Rizzo explained that for a golf cart to become “street legal” the golf cart must pass an inspection to receive license plates. Nairn and Galicki followed with questions and discussion regarding golf carts operating on posted 35 mph Bell Road and if there is any safety issue. Chief Rizzo explained that he has received copies of ordinances from other Ohio communities wherein they have enforceable restrictions in place such as only allowing operation on roads that are posted at 25 mph or less. Chief Rizzo advised that this is legislation that would have to be introduced to council and created as a by law should the village wish to proceed with adopting a village ordinance to regulate the use of golf carts on a South Russell public roadway.
- Next the group discussed Engine Brake restrictions. (A copy of Burton’s engine brake ordinance is attached below) Chief Rizzo reported that if an ordinance is created restricting the use of an engine brake, a citation could only be issued if an officer witnesses the violation. A third-party report would not qualify for a citation. Chief Rizzo said that he expects most truck drivers would comply with the ordinance as most know that a citation on their record could affect their CDL status.
- Discussion was next held regarding the posted 45 mph speed limit on Chillicothe Road, South Russell Village portion. Nairn and Galicki advised that they were aware that a resident has expressed an interest in seeing if the speed limit could be reduced. Chief Rizzo explained that the Village does not have the authority to make this decision, and any change would need to be channeled through ODOT. Chief Rizzo said that if ODOT began to look at the portion of Chillicothe Road that passes through South Russell, that ODOT would conduct a traffic study and collect statistics from crashes. Chief Rizzo said that the speed limit of Chillicothe Road in the neighboring townships (Russell and Bainbridge) is 45 mph and is only reduced from that speed to a lesser speed further south into Bainbridge Township. Chief Rizzo said that there is no supporting evidence at this time that crash reports taken by SRPD on Chillicothe Road were caused by speed. Chief Rizzo explained further that the crashes were caused by rear end collisions (bumper to bumper) and turning violations in 2017 and at this time in 2018 no crashes on Chillicothe Road were caused by speed. Chief Rizzo said that he believed that there was not enough supporting documentation to warrant a speed reduction, even if South Russell had such authority to reduce the speed limit.

- Chief Rizzo advised that DRY Insurance, has made a \$100.00 donation to the police department, earmarked for “shop with a cop.” Chief Rizzo said that he will include this in his report to council and that he will ask for a motion to be made by council to accept the donation.
- Nairn and Galicki were advised that a technician from “Lampion” provided a tutorial on how to program the school zone flashers, alleviating a cost that was incurred to the village in the past when a technician had to respond and program the flashers for each school season. Chief Rizzo will program the unit in the future.
- Brief discussion was held on Septic System violations. Chief Rizzo explained the process that is in place for the Building Department to follow for resident compliance.
- The group discussed the promotion of Todd Pocek to Sergeant. The group agreed that Pocek could be sworn in at the August 13th council meeting and begin performing the functions of Sergeant effective August 16th with Council’s approval.
- Chief Rizzo advised that some more part-time officer applications have been received and that potential candidates will be contacted for interviews within the next week or so in an effort to fill the vacancy created by Officer Michael Roberts’ resignation.
- Chief Rizzo informed the committee that Officer Mike Kramer has made the Chief aware that his retirement will be effective May 1, 2019.
- Galicki shared with the group an email that the Mayor and Council had received from a resident that lives on Fairview Road. The resident’s email referenced the increased traffic on the road due to road construction in Chagrin Falls. The resident inquired about signage that he has seen that calls attention to the fact that children are in the area and the signage contains verbiage directing people to drive with caution. The resident was inquiring if the village would provide such signs. The group agreed that they knew of no communities that are purchasing these signs and agreed that the signs were probably privately purchased. Chief Rizzo introduced statistics from a two-week period, July 23 to August 5, 2018. During that time frame, 9,303 cars were detected driving south bound and the average speed was 22 mph. Chief Rizzo said that SRPD Officers will continue to conduct roving patrols on the street for visibility purposes but at this time no violations are being witnessed by Officers or logged by the speed detecting box. Chief Rizzo explained that he did respond to a Fairview resident’s complaint of tri-axle trucks using Fairview Road as opposed to the designated truck route. Chief Rizzo said that he discussed this complaint with the project manager who assured that this issue would be addressed.
- In regard to Junk Vehicle violations; Chief Rizzo advised all but one violation was in compliance.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30am.