London City Council

Public Safety Committee - Minutes

20 S. Walnut Street, London, Ohio 43140

8/8/2023 at 5:00pm

Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order by Councilman Rich Hays at 5:00pm.

Roll Call

Present - Councilman Rich Hays, Councilman John Stahl
Absent – Councilman Andrew Hitt

Approval of minutes – Motion to approve 7/11/2023 minutes, approved by unanimous voice vote

Officials/guests present –Kris Miller – Council Clerk, Patrick Closer – Mayor, Todd Eades – Fire/EMS Chief, Donovan Cooper – London Police

Fire/EMS Chief Report – Chief Eades

Activities & Events

- Departmental EMS Training- Trauma designations- Ohio Health.
- Departmental EMS Training- Radiological emergencies- Madison Health
- Departmental Fire Training- Hose movement and Pump Operations.
- Completed several CPR and Fire Safety classes.
- Participated in National Night Out.
- Provided lighting for movie night at Cowling Park.
- Participated in London Public Library Touch a truck.

July emergency response report:

- 220 total calls
- 82% - EMS calls
- 18% - Fire calls

Hospital transports:

- Madison Health Hospital – 99
- Doctor's Hospital – 18
- Mount Carmel Grove City – 4

- OSU Wexner Medical Center – 3
- Riverside Methodist Hospital – 4
- Springfield Regional Medical Center – 2
- Grant Medical Center – 1
- Nationwide Children's Hospital - 2

Police Chief Report – Officer Cooper for Chief Nicols

- We are continuing our hiring process for open officer positions. Applications are accepted until August 30th.
- There continues to be a delay in the procurement of the new cruisers due to equipment supply chain issues.
- We currently have four cruisers out of service. Cruiser #15 is expected to be brought back in service this week from the repairs after the May crash and delay with insurance approval and obtaining parts. Cruiser #17 was totaled and we are working with the insurance company on compensation. Cruiser #18 was damaged in a crash with an OVI suspect and the insurance is approving repairs. Car #16 was damaged in the pursuit/abduction incident last week and will be repaired at our expense soon.
- We held our local National Night Out event at Meri Mac Park on August 1st.
- The handguns approved last month were ordered and we are waiting on receiving the holsters and ammo before training and qualifications with the weapons.
- The SRO completed the state mandated SRO training.

NOTABLE INCIDENTS:

7-24-23 Officers responded to the Taco Bell on W High St on a reported individual passed out in the drive thru lane in his vehicle. As an officer approached the vehicle the driver sped off and subsequently struck another cruiser on W High St in his attempt to elude the officers. He was charged with OVI and Failure to Comply.

8-2-23 An officer stopped a vehicle and during the investigation the driver and occupant fled from the stop to the TA truck stop on US42 where he pulled a handgun on the officer and fled on foot into a nearby semi. The incident ended with OSP involved in a shooting with the suspect in Vandalia. The incident remains under investigation and the complete news release is attached to this briefing.

Safety Service Director – Not in attendance

New business:

None

Old business:
None

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: 5:12pm

Next Public Safety Committee meeting – September 12, 2023 @ 5:00pm