

Bowie Public Safety Committee

Meeting Minutes: 11-09-16

Meeting called to order: 7:34 pm

Attendance:

Monica Best-James, Chairperson
Del Billings, Vice-Chair/Secretary
Bill Grayson, Member
Earl Braxton, Member
Bill Healy, Member
Jill Hochman, Member
Jackie Rhone, Member
Jeffrey Cooper, Member

Ad Hoc Members

Dwayne Preston, Deputy Chief, Bowie Police Dept.
Lt. John Knott
Lt. Ernest Stanley
Lt. Joseph Rose

Excused:

Ron Gill, Member

Minutes of the 10-12-16 meeting were approved.

Reports:

Police Department Report – Deputy Chief Dwayne Preston

- Senior Staff introduced to PSC Members
- Theft from autos have continued even though several suspects have been arrested; primarily from cars left unlocked and certain tire/rim thefts.
- Hired a Crime Analyst/Social Media Facilitator
 - Will evaluate crime/other information to assist in patrol assignments
 - Will develop Facebook, Twitter and other social medial outreach
- Shop with a Cop is scheduled for December 11
- Lt. Rose provided an overview of the Call Center and a tour of the facility
 - Call Center—
 - 911 number is required to have only 1 per county
 - Local arrangements are made to take non-emergency calls and dispatch locally (majority of Bowie calls are non-emergency)
 - Bowie recently changed phone numbers, 240-544-5700, to take 24 hour calls.
 - Bowie is the only jurisdiction in the County to have an non-emergency call center
 - Examples of Non-emergency calls are: burglary in the past; suspicious activity; and vandalism in the past.
 - Bowie is not trying to be a 911 call center
 - Supervisor and call takers were hired in March 2016 and received training, including dispatch policies and ride-a-longs.

- Call center is operating on a 24 hr basis and is fully operational and dispatching non-emergency calls for officers and emergency City services: Parks and Planning; Public Works; and Community Services. YTD 7913 calls have been taken
- October 3, 2016- Live with CAD system and YTD 250 non-emergency calls have been taken
- Moving to become a Dispatch Center, possibly next year
- City Public Works is also replacing radios, consistent with the new system
- BPD budget is approximately \$8 million
- Tour of Call Center facilities was conducted.

Fire Department-

- No representative or report

PSC General

- PSC members continued to discuss need to complete the City emergency plan and the PSC involvement in its development.
- Discussed inviting the Mayor and/or new City Manager to the next meeting.
- Requested review of the Report to Council activities conducted by the PSC and plans/needs for the upcoming year. Draft report to be reviewed/discussed at the December meeting. Report to Council due December 23.

Next meeting: December 14, 2016

Motion to Adjourn: 9:09 pm--Unanimous