

BOWIE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE!



Minutes of the October 26, 2022 (Virtual Meeting)

Meeting called to order: 7:37 pm by the Chair

Attendance:

Del Billings, Chair
Jackie Rhone, Member
Bill Grayson, Member
Jeffrey Cooper, Member
Langston Clay, Member

Ad Hoc Members

Deputy Chief Preston, BPD
Chief Lee Havens, BVFD
Capt. Rachael Jefferson, BPD

Excused:

Jill Hochman, Vice Chair
Bill Healy, Member
Ronnie Gill, Member

Approval of September Minutes: Motion made by Bill G. and seconded by Langston to accept the minutes was made. Approved.

Reports:

City Council-Council Member Ingrid Harrison

- Read email from CM Harrison

Bowie Volunteer Fire Department- Chief Lee Havens

- Awaiting a contract for a new ambulance at Co. 39 hopefully in service early 2023
- Tower 39 still OOS due to waterway issue
- Engine 19 in the shop due to the accident last year
- Great community turn-out for Fire Prevention Day Activities
- Considering developing a Staffing Policy due to retention issues, currently there are 54 operational members and 25 usually provide services
- Career staffing is being done through overtime assignments, no permanent crews are assigned
- County is considering adding a Tanker back to Co 43

Police Department Report – Deputy Chief Dwayne Preston

- Second pedestrian fatal accident at Rt. 450 and Scarlet Oaks
- Strategic Plan
 - Is still being developed, plan to have final draft to team members next week
- BPD currently has 9 vacancies, 3 interviews where scheduled but there were 2 no-shows, 2 are currently in background checks, 1 lateral from Florida

- Ribbon cutting was recently held at Liberty Park, which is outside of Bowie, but will have an impact on the City services due to hotel occupancy, shopping, traffic, etc.

Bowie Public Safety Committee

- The PSC now has 1 vacancy
- Discussion of the Strategic Plan
- Initial discussion of goals/ direction/ideas on operation of the PSC

Next meeting: December 14, 2022 at 7:30 pm (virtual meeting)

Motion to Adjourn: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jackie and seconded by Langston. Unanimously passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.