



**City of Cedar Rapids  
Public Safety and Youth Services Committee Minutes  
Police Department Community Room, 505 1<sup>st</sup> Street SW  
Monday, January 11, 2016  
4:00 p.m.**

Meeting was brought to order by Committee Chairperson Susie Weinacht at 4:02 p.m.

Present: Council members Susie Weinacht and Scott Overland; Fire Chief Mark English, Police Chief Wayne Jerman, Area Ambulance Services Executive Director Keith Rippy, and Amanda Grieder with SAFE-CR.

The December 7, 2015, Public Safety and Youth Services Committee minutes were approved.

**Building Services Report**

A representative from Building Services was unable to attend this meeting but the department submitted their report for review (attached).

**Youth Services Update – Shannon Sampson with CRPD**

Shannon reviewed juvenile arrest data for 2015 (attached). There were a total of 1,054 juvenile charges in 2015, which is down a little from 2014. Of these 1,054 juveniles 696 were male, 358 female; 551 were white, 486 were black and 16 were unknown. Arrests are highest in the ages of 16-17 year olds and highest during the times of 1200 to 1600 hours. Theft/shoplifting was the crime with the highest number of juvenile arrests. 340 of these arrests were made by the school SRO and 101 of these arrests were juveniles not at school during school hours.

In December, 2015, there were 10 juvenile arrests during school hours. Of those arrests, 3 juveniles were not found in the system, 1 was excused, 1 was attending Kirkwood Community College Diploma classes, 1 was out of school for legal reasons, 1 refused to attend school, 1 was tardy and 2 had no absence codes noted.

In 2015 there were 228 juveniles arrested. A lot of those are repeat offenders and hopefully by next month we will have data to show numbers of repeat offenders. The Police Department started collecting data back in February, 2014, so they should be able to go back to that point to pull information.

SRO's (School Resource Officers) started this school year in the middle schools here in Cedar Rapids which has been very good. There are already a lot of diversion programs set up in the elementary schools in Cedar Rapids.

**Youth Services Update – Sven Leff with Parks and Rec**

The NW side rec center building is on schedule and on budget. The exterior looks complete and they are working on the interior now. Construction is due to be completed on July 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup>. Parks and Rec will hopefully have a soft opening for this facility in August. Parks and Rec employees are working on planning back to school events and programs to host at this facility and meetings are planned with the Principals soon to help in planning. The bulk of the Parks and Rec programs typically happen during the summer months.

Ambroz currently houses 9 employees and programs that are unable to be relocated to the new NW facility due to the fact that there will not be room for all the equipment associated with such programs and employees (kilns for the ceramics program, keyboards, office space, etc.).

Currently Parks and Rec receives about 5-7% of the City's budget and recovers approximately 30% of program costs. Parks and Rec is currently researching the possibility of starting a foundation to aid in funding and fundraising.

**Area Ambulance Report – Keith Rippy**

Rippy reviewed the Key Performance Indicators for December 2015 and year to date FY 2015 (attached). In calendar year 2015 there were 600 more calls and 500 more transports than in 2014. AAS is trying to determine the reason for the increase and are using 5 metrics to analyze the data and will hopefully be able to present their findings at February's meeting. November is typically a "soft" month with December/January/February/March being busy months due to weather and the flu.

So far this FY, AAS has sent out 819 total customer feedback mailings with 253 returned (attached). 251 rated service as excellent, 2 rated service as adequate and none rated service as needing improvement.

So far this FY, AAS provided \$19,201.00 in financial assistance which is down due to Medicaid. Also attached is the special events summary for November. In November AAS provided \$4,606.60 total in kind dollars, \$5,908.74 in December and \$48,592.11 to date this fiscal year.

**Fire Department Report –Chief Mark English**

The Fire Marshal Inspections/Fees totaled \$26,886.39 revenue in November (attached).

The November, 2015, Fire Department EMS performance metrics, performance metrics and customer survey card results are attached.

The Fire Department responded to over 11,000 calls last year which is more than previous years. The amount of responses will be much more than 11,000 due to the fact that numerous apparatus respond to the same call.

Fire Department employees participated in over 28,000 hours of training last year which amounts to approximately 168 hours per employee.

The Fire Department is partnering with the Cedar Rapids School District to promote public sector jobs with the students. The Fire Department also currently has 4 certified car seat installation technicians and 5 employees that have lunch buddies through Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

**SAFE-CR Update – Amanda Grieder**

Amanda presented the SAFE-CR Public Safety update (attached). Since the implementation of Chapter 22A there have been 2,542 founded calls for service which have affected 1,827 properties. Of those, 359 have met the threshold of 22A and have been deemed Nuisance Properties. SAFE-CR has billed out \$39,113.31 for police calls for service and finance has collected \$7,719.66 (112 invoices). SAFE CR is working with legal on how to collect on the unpaid invoices. There are currently 175 active nuisance properties 2 are commercial, 88 are owner-occupied and 85 are rental properties. It was surprising to learn that these properties are pretty equal between rental and owner-occupied residences. There are currently 184 in compliance properties (properties that have went at least 12 months without a call for service). There have been 44 administrative appeals and of those 9 designations have been reversed and 35 designations were upheld. This update also breaks down the nuisance property activity by month and by quadrants. The program has grown since its inception and is more involved in the community and helping people. SAFE CR would like to speak to the students in the Cedar Rapids School District about what it means to be a good neighbor.

Overall there have been 3,178 background checks conducted which were ordered by a total of 378 landlords. Background checks cost \$8.00 and can be conducted for all 50 states.

**Police Department Report –Chief Wayne Jerman**

Chief Jerman reviewed the Activity Comparison and the Neighborhood Activity Summary comparing 2014 to 2015 (attached). Part 1 Violent crimes were down 7.54%. Theft from vehicles was down 14.45% which is in part due to constant messages of how to prevent. Murders were down 25% with one case still active/open. This case was a party that was disbanding and shot were fired which resulted in 1 fatality. On September 10<sup>th</sup> on the NW side of CR, 4 individuals were arrested on Federal firearms charges and one will be charged with this murder. Part 1 Property crimes were up by 4.91% which is in part to increased burglaries. Burglaries were down in neighborhoods such as Kenwood and the NW Area but were up in Wellington Heights. Outreach has been increased for burglaries to increase community awareness and better security practices. Jerman was unsure of the number of locked versus unlocked houses in these burglaries. The CRPD is promoting that all citizens call the Police Department if they see anything suspicious, they are not a bother. Firearms Discharged was up 4.17% from 96 in 2014 to 100 in 2015. Thefts were down in neighborhoods such as Mound View and Noelridge. Robberies decreased in the Downtown area from 10 in 2014 to 2 in 2015.

Chief Jerman highlighted several arrests which occurred directly because of citizen assistance (report attached). All 11 citizen assists from November 23 to December 21, 2015, were substance abuse related.

So far in 2016 there have been 6 firearms discharged instances. Late Friday night and into Saturday morning (January 8-9, 2016) there were 3 shots fired incidents. The first incident was on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE which resulted in a gunshot wound. There is a suspect in this incident. The second incident occurred when 2 individuals encountered a group and numerous shots were fired at A Avenue and 18<sup>th</sup> Street NE. Two people were hospitalized from this incident. The third shooting victim walked into the hospital with a gunshot wound to the lower part of the body. It is believed this incident occurred on Maplewood. This incident resulted in a search warrant and seizure of 2 firearms. None of the victims in these incidents are being cooperative. The guns in these shootings are believed to not have been obtained legally. There is no evidence to suggest that these shots fired are gang related. There are gang members in Cedar Rapids but they are not groups of people operating as a gang. A gang is described as two or more individuals who engage in illegal activity to further a criminal enterprise. There has been no evidence to show that there are activities associated with gangs, i.e. leaders, initiations, turfs, etc.

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**FEBRUARY AGENDA ITEM FORECAST**

- Approval of January draft minutes
- Building Services Public Safety Report and Case Updates (*Ciabatti*)
- Area Ambulance Service Report and Significant Cases (*Rippy*)
- Fire Marshal Stats (*English*)
- Fire Performance Metrics (*English*)
- Fire Customer Survey Results and Significant Incidents (*English*)
- Youth Services Report (*Hamblin/Leff*)
- Police SAFE-CR Report (*Grieder*)
- Police Crime Activity Comparison (*Jerman*)
- Police Neighborhood Crime Stats and Citizen Assists with Crime Reporting (*Jerman*)
- March Agenda Forecast Items

The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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