



Police and Fire Committee Agenda 2021-11-15

November 15, 2021 at 4:00 PM

Police and Fire Committee

Peg Conway, Chair
Rich Bardach
Natalie Wolf

Staff Liason

Scot Lahrmer, Village Manager
Rich Wallace, Police Fire Chief

MINUTES

1. **Approval of minutes: November 1, 2021**

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

1. EMS Update: Reading Fire Chief Todd Owens
2. 2022 Budget Preview

ADJOURNMENT

Amberley Village Council -- Police-Fire Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 1, 2021

Present: Peg Conway (Chair), Natalie Wolf (Committee), Tom Muething, Rick Kay, Tammy Reasoner, Scot Lahrmer, Lt. Brian Blum, Commander Tom Fallon

Prior Minutes

The minutes from the meeting on August 10 were accepted as submitted.

Heroin Task Force Update

Commander Fallon reported on the work of the Hamilton County Heroin Task Force (created by the Hamilton County Police Chiefs Association in 2015), which has been housed in Amberley Village since November 2017. Commander Fallon's position as the leader is funded through grants and other sources, not by the Village. The role oversees two missions, the Task Force, which is a county-wide, multi-jurisdictional group that investigates overdoses to target the source dealer, and the Quick Response Team (QRT), which is law enforcement-led community outreach to connect overdose victims with appropriate treatment. It is an innovative approach pioneered in Hamilton County that has been replicated elsewhere in the nation, and Amberley is one of the parent agencies. They have received awards, and Commander Fallon regularly speaks at events regionally and nationally.

Commander Fallon shared data showing the team's impact in terms of increasing number of overdose deaths investigated, increasing number of people referred to treatment, and a decline in overdose deaths over the past four years (counter to national trends). In the past two years, they obtained significant grant funding to expand their work through the entire county, and he now has a staff of eight which includes social workers and peer navigators plus an administrative assistant. Officer Mark Roeseler previously has been part of the QRT and Det. James Drake is currently serving a three-month stint with the task force investigating overdose deaths.

Commander Fallon expressed great satisfaction with the work he's doing and appreciation for the culture and support he receives in Amberley. The Committee commended his work, expressed appreciation for the report, and affirmed the importance of Amberley's service to the wider community in this manner.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.