Call to order

Alderman Finlayson called the Public Safety Commission to order at 5:10pm in City Council Chambers on January 16, 2013.

Present: Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Paone, Alderman Kirby

Staff Present: Chief Pristoop

Guest: Former Alderman Silverman

Business before Committee

Approval of Minutes, November 19, 2012 and December 19, 2012

Alderman Paone moved to approve the November 19, 2012 and December 19, 2012 minutes as written. Alderwoman Finlayson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 3-0.

Election Chair

Alderman Paone nominated Alderwoman Finlayson to serve as Chair of Public Safety Committee. Alderman Kirby seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 3-0.

General Discussion

General Update

Chief Pristoop reported that there has been recurring complaints regarding unregistered dirt/motor cross bikes specifically 191 reports were received in 2012. He believes that this issue will increase so recommended that the City consider enacting legislation that prohibits operating these bikes on the street excluding mopeds. He also noted that the fee schedule for returning confiscated dirt/motor bikes should be updated because there is currently not one in place.

Crime Statistics

Chief Pristoop reported that the crime statistics for 2012 was 1218 for overall crime versus 1210 in 2011. He noted that violent crimes for 2012 were 177 compared to 176 in 2011. He noted that robbery was down last year. He agreed to provide the Committee with an electronic copy of the report.

Traffic Change for Flooding

Deputy Chief Simmons reported on the proposed traffic plan change in the event of severe flooding. The plan proposes a two way traffic pattern on Duke of Gloucester from Conduit to Compromise Street during severe flooding. This plan is still being developed and the Department will keep the Commission updated.

Blackout After Action Report

Ms. Lauren Miller reported on the December 21, 2012 blackout and discussed the strengths of the EOC during this event. Deputy Chief Simmons added that this is due to the training. She briefly highlighted the areas of improvements and how they will be addressed. Alderwoman Finlayson requested that all of the Alderman have access to the code red email alerts.
2012 Goal Status and 2013 Goals
Chief Stokes went over the Fire Department’s 2012 goal status and proposed 2013 goals. He noted that there were twelve goals for 2012 and most of these goals were achieved.

Alderman Kirby suggested that the information on violent crimes be provided to the schools so that grief counseling could be available if necessary.

4. Legislation before Commission

None

With there being no further business, Alderman Paone moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:01pm. Alderman Kirby seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 3-0.

Tami Hook, Recorder