

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING  
JANUARY 27, 2005**

Members in Attendance:

Sue McConnell, Commissioner  
Stan Urban, Commissioner  
Rick Ginex, Village Manager  
Enza Petrarca, Village Attorney  
Beth Clark, Staff Attorney  
Chief Robert Porter, PD  
Deputy Chief Kurt Bluder, PD

Deputy Chief Pam Church, PD  
Sgt. Jim Nehls, PD  
Chief Phil Ruscetti, FD  
Deputy Chief Jim Jackson, FD  
Deputy Chief Bob Tutko, FD

Commissioner McConnell called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. Ms. McConnell stated that he would like to have the tape for the November 30<sup>th</sup> meeting saved for future reference. Chief Ruscetti stated that he would make sure that the tape was forwarded to the Village Clerk for safekeeping.

The first item on the agenda was the subject of ProScan. Enza Petrarca said that she and the Police Department met yesterday (January 26<sup>th</sup>) to discuss the subject of ProScan. After some discussion, Commissioner McConnell stated that she believed that there would be no benefit in continuing negotiations with Bridge Technologies, Inc. Commissioner Urban agreed and said it was time to "cut the cords". Enza stated that she would write a letter to Bridge Technologies and advise them that the Village was no longer interested in participating in their program.

The next topic of discussion was the Police Department's proposal for certain administrative fees that could be implemented. Deputy Chief Church gave a presentation on the proposed Vehicle Seizure and Impoundment Ordinance for certain traffic arrests involving DWLS, DWLR and DUI. Although the practice of administrative impoundment is relatively new, it appears to be gaining popularity among home rule municipalities. Similar ordinances are in place in the City of Chicago, Cicero, Aurora and Hanover Park. Although the fees vary for some offenses, Hanover Park, Cicero and Chicago have fees in place of \$500.00 for the offenses that the Police Department seeks to use the towing procedure for.

Deputy Chief Church also talked about the possibility of adopting an ordinance fee of \$30.00 for accepting bond on bookable offenses (those offenses which would require fingerprinting and photograph booking procedures) to cover the cost of providing this service. The administrative fee of \$30.00 would cover the cost of the time it takes to conduct full booking procedures. This could generate \$49,000 in possible revenue, with an average of 140 bookable offenses each month.

Sue McConnell stated that this should be taken to the next step by doing a little more research before this subject is placed on the Work Shop agenda.

Deputy Chief Bluder stated that Officer Kurt Heinrich and his partner Passo have retired from the Police Department. He said that the department is investigating the possibility of obtaining another K-9 for the department. He will continue his research on this subject.

The next agenda item was the discussion of the Fire Department Building Codes. Chief Ruscetti stated that the meeting held with the Chamber members went very well. Sue McConnell said she would like to have a letter from the Chamber stating that they had met and they had received information and believe that this would be a good thing for Downers Grove and they accept it. Ms. McConnell also asked the Chief if he would contact the Chamber and see if they had minutes from the executive board meeting. Chief Ruscetti stated that he would see about getting something in writing from the Chamber as an endorsement.

Fire Station # 3 – The roof has been fixed and they are now waiting for the contractor to come back and finish the flashing. The Chief stated that they had received a quote from Bradford & Kent regarding the kitchen project for Station #3. Bradford and Kent were about \$15,000 higher than what has been budgeted for this project. Dann Fitzpatrick from Building Services will be looking at several options of getting the work done, possibly in-house.

Chief Ruscetti distributed a handout regarding the proposal for the revision of the Fire Emergency Response Fees. Deputy Chief Tutko went over the differences in the fees for the committee. Commissioners McConnell and Urban stated that they will look at the information provided by the Fire Department regarding the fees being charged for services and they will make their recommendations.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

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