

**PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING**  
**July 26, 2005**  
**1730 hours**  
**801 Burlington, Law Library**

Members in Attendance:

Sue McConnell, Commissioner  
Stan Urban, Commissioner  
Chief Phil Ruscetti, DGF  
Deputy Chief Bob Tutko, DGF  
Rick Ginex, Village Manager  
Enza Petrarca, Village Attorney

Meeting called to order by Commissioner McConnell at 1730 hours.

Minutes of the June 28, 2005 meeting approved with correction. Commissioner McConnell requested approved copy be sent to Village Clerk for publication.

DC Tutko passed out booklets with information on ambulance fees and billing procedures for those fees, fees for extraction, car fires, decontamination, and various other services. It was agreed upon that the main emphasis at this time would be ambulance fees and ambulance billing.

DC Tutko proceeded to explain each comparison chart in the handout booklet. These charts showed what surrounding communities charged to residents and non-residents for services rendered. Questions regarding the various comparison charts with regard to the detailed charges of each component that could be used during a call. It was noted that Downers Grove is below average for their charges to residents and non-residents for various items used during a call. Commissioners requested a more streamlined comparison chart for resident charges and a chart for non-resident charges using just immediate surrounding communities (Lisle, Naperville, Westmont, Hinsdale, Lombard, Darien etc.), showing a breakdown of ALS, BLS, supplies used, and mileage charge.

DC Tutko explained the ambulance billing process with examples of letters the billing company sends to residents and non-residents to collect fees. Discussion ensued regarding what would be paid by insurance companies as well as Medicare and Medicaid. Commissioners requested a work flow document for clear concise explanation of all letters the billing company sends to residents and non-residents and the exact procedures they have for sending those letters. It was noted that we have very few complaints regarding the billing procedure itself.

Due to time constraints, the Committee decided to continue this meeting's Agenda (overtime, Goals & Objectives and promotional process) on August 2.

Next meeting with Public Safety Committee with the Fire Department is August 2, 2005, at 7:30 a.m. in the Committee Room.

Meeting Adjourned at 1829 hours.