

JANUARY 25, 2022

5:00 PM

Safety forces  
dept. updates

City Hall  
127 South Court St  
Circleville, OH

<b>MEETING CALLED BY</b>	Safety Chair: Katie Logan Hedges
<b>CLERK</b>	Linda Chancey, clerk
<b>MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	Roll call. Cmte members present Jeff Hallinin and Caryn Koch-Esterline. Other members Barry Keller: Michelle Blanton; Todd Brady; Invited Guests were Mayor Don McIlroy, Fire Chief Brian Thompson, and Police Chief Shawn Baer.
<b>1. Minutes</b>	Hallinin motioned to accept the 12/7/2021 minutes. Hedges seconded. Motion carried.

**2. New Business – Updates**

Marcy Cox, Deputy Auditor – is absent tonight.

**Fire Chief Brian Thompson**

1. Fire runs have increased to three hundred for January 2022, and then twenty-six calls in the last 24 hours, but that seemed to be the standard for now. There were 3,981 calls in 2021.
2. The new fire truck is almost finished it was paid for from the AFG grant. Next week is final review then to Urbana for special cabinets, it will be in service the first week of April.
3. Hard billing, no report yet, but we have asked for it.
4. Staffing levels are eighteen full time, and we have eight paramedics FFs.
5. Safety grant will hire six PT personnel and a grant was submitted to replace a 1997 ladder truck.

Koch-Esterline asked about zoning codes and the need for enforcement in older buildings. Chief Thompson stated my expertise is with fire prevention but trying to get in to inspect older buildings is extremely hard because of court system and search and seizure laws processes.

**Chief Bare reported**

1. Calls for service 1,316 and 250 written reports for January already.
2. The numbers of detective reported drug related deaths and overdoses are up
3. What has increased is child endangerment and we are working with child agencies.
4. The officers’ new hire numbers have increased and hired a new dispatcher. We are more competitive now. Our dept has twenty-six sworn and seven dispatchers.
5. The police dept. newer officers are better trained than the older ones were because the techniques are modern. The police academy is restructuring for the future. We also do virtual classes too.
6. K-9 handler will finish his training at end of this week and the 2<sup>nd</sup> K 9 handler will finish his training later this month, this makes a huge difference on the drugs.

Koch-Esterline asked if the Pickaway Ross Joint vocation School has a criminal program? Chief Baer stated he had a discussion with Jonathan Davis (teacher), they are trying to figure out solutions to get the graduates in law enforcement, but you must be twenty-one to be a police officer, but they can become a dispatcher.

**3. Old Business**

Hallinin motioned to go into executive session for the purpose of ORC 121.22 personnel matters and employment. Koch- Esterline seconded. Included in the executive session are all council members and the Mayor. Roll call. (3 Yeas- 0 Nays). No business was conducted in the executive session.

**4. Adjournment**

Kock- Esterline motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:46 p.m. Hallinin seconded. Motion carried.