

City of Palos Heights



Public Safety Committee  
Tuesday, January 28, 2020  
Minutes

**Call to Order/ Roll Call**

The Public Safety Committee was held on January 28, 2020, at the Palos Heights City Hall. Chairman McGovern called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm. In attendance were Chairman McGovern, Alderman Clifford, Alderman Kramarski and Alderman Key. Also in attendance were Chief Yott, Deputy Chief Czajkowski and Deputy Chief Delaney.

**Approval of Minutes**

Alderman McGovern moved to approve the minutes of the November 26, 2019 Public Safety meeting, seconded by Alderman Kramarski. All in favor. Motion passed.

Police Chief Yott reported as follows:

POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT

Total calls for service Nov-Dec: 1426

TRAFFIC CRASH REPORT

Hit & Run	Nov-Dec:	12
Property Damage	Nov-Dec:	89
Personal Injury	Nov-Dec:	13
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>114</b>

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

- a) Police Department Budget Report
- b) SafeSpeed Report – Nov/Dec: 271 violations printed
- c) MSI Report – Nov/Dec: 159 citations issued
- d) Training Report – Nov/Dec: 550 hours
- e) DUI Summary - 5 arrests

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

Chairman McGovern stated that there was a new program in place - Crisis Intervention Team. It was started by Officer Carlson. The Committee asked Chief Yott if Officer Carlson could attend the next meeting to explain the program to the committee.

Alderman Kramarski inquired about the shooter training given at Palos Hospital. Chief Yott explained that the department goes in approximately every 6 months as an exercise to help the staff with drills.

**Correspondence/Employee Recognition**

- A resident wrote an email extending his appreciation to C.S.O. Officer Roger Wilson for helping

him with a mechanical breakdown which occurred at Ridgeland and Rt. 83, on Thanksgiving morning. He further stated that CSO went above and beyond what would have been expected of him. He found CSO Wilson very courteous and professional.

- A resident sent an email thanking Officer Joe Carlson and Crisis Intervention Team for their work in the Palos Heights area. They have referred many families to (Families Anonymous) which is a support group for people who have loved ones struggling with addiction and related mental illness. Their perspective of Palos Heights Police Department is nothing but respect and they see how they care and want to help not just residents but people from surrounding communities.
- The Palos Heights Police Department has received emails thanking them for their House Watch surveillance. They also received a lot of Christmas Cards from the residents here in Palos Heights.
- Officer Joel Evans and Officer Renee Jones received sincere appreciation from a person that did a ride-along. He spent 5 hours with them and was impressed with their professionalism, courteousness, and competency that they possess when dealing with the public and residents of Palos Heights.
- Sergeant Brent Dreger and Sergeant Gerald Wodka were commended on their video shooter training they gave at Palos Hospital.

#### **Questions/Comments from the Audience**

Linda Miller of 7228 W 125th Street inquired about 4 stop signs that used to be at the intersection of 125th Street and 72nd Court and why they were removed. She stated there have been two collisions there this past month. Chairman McGovern explained a traffic study was done and discussion ensued. Chairman McGovern will look into this issue and get back to her.

#### **Aldermen's Comments**

Alderman Clifford would like to formally thank the Police Department for attending and supporting him during a surprise dinner honoring him with the Lion's Club.

#### **Adjourn**

There being no further business, Alderman McGovern made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Kramarski. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Liz Gutierrez, Recording Secretary