

Public Safety Meeting 2-25-2015

The meeting was held at City Hall at 10 am. Members present: Rob, Debbie, Derick, Phylis, Mark.

FD had worked a house fire that was caused by a family pet; the fire was put out quickly with no injuries. The specs for a new fire truck and ambulance are ready for companies to bid on. A Lt was reduced in rank which leaves an opening for that position. There are 2 ambulances running 24/7 now and manned by St. Francis personnel.

Compliance is working with Marion Co. Health and Hospital to try and take control of abandoned homes, their plan is to rehab or tear down. A list will be made available for police and fire. Fire lane issue is being addressed with business property and schools.

Reverse 9-1-1 or text msgs when major event[s] occurs that citizens need to be aware of in Beech Grove or the area will be looked into.

Police had a SRT call out and was assisted by IMPD's SWAT team when the male inside his house was found to have fired two shots and was an ex soldier with EOD training. The incident lasted approx. 7 hrs. with the male being taken into custody without further incident. The dept. has 6 new patrol cars that will be on the road in March. New computers for the cars will also be in use in March; the old computers are out dated and would not handle the new communication system being installed by PSC [dispatch center]. The city attorney is working with Wal-Mart to try and resolve the number of runs, over 1,000 in 2 years, which is occurring because of the strain that it puts on the police dept. to respond to the rest of the city.

The city is having a new server installed to handle the city's computer's needs. It was suggested that one of the retired police cars be turned over to compliance. Will have to check to see if one is good enough for them.