



**Safety Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 19, 2021**

Call to Order:

Chair Rick Vierheller called the meeting to order at 7:24 p.m.
The meeting was via conference call due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Roll Call:

Present: Rick Vierheller, Brad Demiter, and Kathy Rhoads

Amendments to Agenda:

None.

Approval of Minutes:

Brad Demiter made a motion to approve the Safety Minutes of November 16, 2020, and Chair Vierheller seconded the motion. Two aye votes. Kathy Rhoads abstained. The minutes were approved as written.

Privilege of the Floor:

None.

Chief's Report

Chief Burson reported that all of the Seville Police Department Officers have served the community professionally and have all returned home safely. Chief Burson is proud of the service and professionalism displayed by your officers during what has been very difficult times. The Department is grateful for the support that the community has offered continuously for the entire year including cookies, food, and support signs.

Chief Burson wanted to recap 2020 reporting stats are still reflective of the times. The jail is not accepting prisoners other than domestic violence and violent felonies due to COVID-19. During the reporting period the Department logged 35,718 activities, complaints, assists, and business checks. Officers patrolled 40,594 miles in 2020. There were 195 reportable, new offenses including: aggravated menacing, breaking & entering, burglary, child endangering, domestic violence, illegal use of minor or impaired person in nudity, menacing, pandering obscenity involving a minor, possessing drug abuse instruments, possession of controlled substance and/or drug paraphernalia, resisting arrest, and using firearms while intoxicated.

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Chief's Report (continued)

Chief Burson said there were 52 adult arrests, 1 juvenile arrest, 21 investigations are pending and 4 declined by prosecution. The declined prosecution can be because of lack of probable cause or the person may be in jail and there is no benefit to the additional prosecution. The number of male verse female offenders is 2 to 1.

Chief Burson said the offenders' city of residences comes from Akron, Canal Fulton, Cleveland, Fairview Park, Medina, Mogadore, Sandusky, Toledo, Seville and adjoining cities.

Chief Burson said SSG Phillips will be attending FBI Leadership School beginning in March. The Department will complete the CPR and AED training by the end of January. Two patrol officers will be attending a supervision class in March at the Buffalo Creek Facility at Hubbard Valley Park as part of our ongoing career development plan.

The major events included Officer Kilgore responding to a choking victim at the Society of Handicapped Citizens. Officer Kilgore was able to re-establish an airway after the employee's efforts had failed and saved the victim's life.

Officer Houck responded to a suicidal male sitting on the railing on a bridge overlooking Interstate 71 and was able to talk the person off the railing, potentially saving that person's life.

Officers began the Beards for Bicycles Campaign. Officers paid \$100 to grow a beard, which starts a conversation with others. Officers raised enough money to purchase 14 bicycles which were then donated to the children of the community through a raffle.

A High Street resident reported that she received a message from her security camera while she was at work and watched on camera as a male subject enter her house. The woman was able to provide a description of the man. Officers arrived within two minutes of the call and apprehended the subject behind the house. He was charged with burglary and is currently in prison.

A business reported an employee theft of over \$15,000 that occurred over several years. The employee is working towards repayment.

Officers participated in a variety of school patrols and security drills involving the Cloverleaf Elementary and High Schools, Halloween, Yard Sale, Beards for Bikes, Emma's House, and other community events.

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New Business:

Chief Burson said Dave Simmons has been in contact and will be in the office early in the week to inspect the premises for options with roof repairs.

Chief Burson talked about the 2021-05 Ordinance entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI). The Governor's office delegated the responsibility of investigation to BCI for all use-of-force incidents and officer involved shootings. BCI has reached out to all agencies requesting assistance from qualified investigators. SSG Phillips has requested permission to participate. When available, Officers respond and assist BCI in gathering statements, reviewing security footage and other support services.

BCI has helped Seville in a variety of incidents including search warrants, BMT Firearms break in, and the school break in. Seville Officers would continue benefiting from the training and experience gained with assisting BCI.

Pending/Completed Legislation

2021-05 Ordinance entering into Memorandum of Understanding with the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Council passed January 11th.

Old Business:

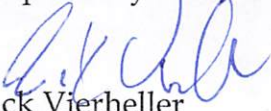
Chair Vierheller asked Chief Burson to continue updating the Committee on the roof and internal damages.

Privilege of the Floor:

None.

Kathy Rhoads made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Brad Demiter seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Rick Vierheller
Safety Committee Chair