

Public Safety Commission Meeting

February 28, 2019, at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting called to order at 6:40 p.m.

Members Present: John Koester (Chair), Susan Berck, Alderwoman Barbara West, and Lt. John Thompson

Visitors: Sandra Henry, resident

Old Business:

New Business:

Mrs. Henry gave a presentation using the FEMA Manual for emergency preparedness. Mrs. Henry advised severe weather is fast approaching and believes residents should be prepared. She suggested residents prepare a bag and supplies to last 3-7 days and should include the following:

1. Three (3) to seven (7) days of clothing;
2. Flashlight;
3. Ziploc bags of personal items and documents;
4. Chargers, radio; and
5. Water and food, etc...

Mrs. Henry, also, suggested taking videos and/or pictures of valuable items in the home. She stated April 30th is National Emergency Preparedness Day and suggested residents use that day to ensure they are prepared for emergencies. She, also, informed the committee that CERT Training is held at Flo Valley on Wednesday evenings beginning at 7:00 or 8:00 p.m. It is a 9-chapter course.

Lt. Thompson (Supervisor) did not have a report. Alderwoman West informed the Supervisor there were concerns from some of the Board of Aldermen members, as well as residents, regarding their lack of visibility of police in neighborhoods and often see two (2) PD cars side-by-side holding a conversation. The Supervisor explained when arrests are made, they have to go into the office to complete their report prior to returning to street duty. He, also, explained when cars are side-by-side, they are not holding conversations; one of the Officers may be on the computer and the other Officer is giving him cover and surveying the surroundings. The Supervisor further explained most Officers have lunch in their cars so they can maintain surveillance of the area they are assigned.

Discussion on residents not calling in when they hear gunshots; they are not sure where they are coming from. St. Louis County has ShotSpotter which detects and locates gunfire.

The meeting ended at 7:40 p.m.

The next meeting will be April 25, 2019.

Alderwoman Barbara West, Acting Secretary