

**HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2020**

Municipal Council of the City of Vermilion

**In Attendance:**      **Vermilion City Council:**

*Steve Herron, President of Council; Monica Stark, Council at Large; Emily Skahen, Ward One; F. Loucka, Ward Two; Steve Hologacs, Ward Three; Barb Brady, Ward Four; Brian Holmes, Ward Five; Gwen Fisher, Certified Municipal Clerk.*

**Administration:**

*Jim Forthofer, Mayor; Chris Howard, City Engineer; Chris Hartung, Police Chief; Amy Hendricks, Finance Director; Tony Valerius, Service Director; Chris Stempowski, Fire Chief*

**Call to Order:**

Chairman, Brian Holmes, RESOLVED THAT this Health & Safety Committee comprised of the committee of the whole does now come to order.

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**TOPIC ONE:**      **Police Chief's Report**

Chief Hartung commented on the Black Cat Traffic Monitoring System they have been testing throughout the city, which is wonderful. He passed around a sample to the members of Council. He said they did speed data analysis scenarios, so they are going around to Douglas Street, Sailorway, and Berkley to take traffic measurements. The breakdown of the data identifies the time of the day where traffic enforcement is the most beneficial. If a particular constituent complains that people fly up and down their road daily, then Council can let him know and they will mount the monitoring system for three days to get the data report. He said Sunnyside measured 5,130 vehicles and it determined there were 1,626 enforceable violations. It was interesting to find out that Douglas Street and Berkley are hot spots, but surprisingly Highbridge Road was not.

He said the department is in the process of finishing their policy training for continued certification in the Ohio Collaborative, which includes training on:

- Body worn camera
- Community Engagement
- Bias Free Policing
- Employee Misconduct

Additional Training for continued education included:

- Human Trafficking (4 Different Courses)
- Companion Animals
- Crisis Intervention
- Domestic Violence Updates, Protection Orders, Stalking and Lethality Factors
- Missing Children

Missing Persons  
OVI Statutory review  
Animal Encounters  
Biological Evidence Collection  
Consent to Search  
Ethics  
Auto Searches

## **TOPIC TWO: Fire Chief's Report**

Chief Stempowski reported the Fire Department responded to 20 incidents in the month of August for a total of 137 year-to-date. He said the truck pm's are in the process of being completely. Last week they had the chassis inspection and this week they will complete the oil changes/filters, which will lead up to the pump tests for all the trucks. He said the hose tests are coming up possibly around late October/early November. The ground ladders all passed, which includes the aerial. There were three minor deficiencies on the aerial which will be handled in-house. He said they sent the aerial out for joint training on Sunday with the South Amherst Fire Department and other local county fire departments for water shuttle.

He said the Vermilion Fire Company Inc. (Social Club) passed out masks on Saturday that were made by Cindy Rice for an Amvets project and there was a food drive and it was delivered to Grace's Kitchen.

Lastly, he reported that Fire Prevention Week is October 4 – 10. He mentioned there is a lot of good information on [nfpa.org](http://nfpa.org) for adults and children. He said they will hold an open house on October 10 from 10 a.m. to noon and outside of the station they will have a table of literature available to the public.

S. Holovacs asked the chief if there were any updates on the new fire station. Chief Stempowski said it is making great progress and believes they are on schedule for mid to late December. S. Holovacs asked when they were planning on putting the pavement down. Chief Stempowski said the pavement was put down in the bay areas last week. S. Holovacs asked about the progress on the exterior concrete coming into winter. C. Howard said they are prepping the outside and they will grade off everything, so hopefully soon.

B. Holmes adjourned the meeting after no further discussion came before the committee.

*Next Meeting: October 19, 2020 – 7:00 p.m. at Vermilion Municipal Complex, 687 Decatur Street, Vermilion, Ohio*

*Gwen Fisher, Certified Municipal Clerk*