



## Police and Fire Commission

City of Stevens Point  
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David Schlehs, President  
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March 3, 2015  
4:31 p.m.

1. **Roll Call:** Commissioners Carlson, Kirschling, Ostrowski, and Schlehs

**Also**

**Present:**

Police Chief Kevin Ruder, Fire Chief Bob Finn, Mayor Gary Wescott, Assistant Chief Martin Skibba, Assistant Chief Tom Zenner, Assistant Chief Joe Gemza, Assistant Chief Jeff Davis, Alderperson Tony Patton, Fire Department employees: Shane Westphal, David Briggs, Jason Karpinski, Larry Pingel, Mike Kasper; Tyler Deaver, Kyle Johnson, Andrew Weston, Joseph Sahn, Lee Ann Spoon, RB Supervisor

2. **People to be heard and announcements**

None.

Hearing no objection, the agenda was rearranged.

3. **Power Point Presentation – Explorer's**

The Commission was briefed via Power Point about the Stevens Point Fire Department's Explorer's Program.

4. **Power Point 2014 Annual report**

Chief Ruder addressed the commission with a power point on the 2014 Annual Report. Highlights of the Annual Report follow.

2014 Community Proactive Campaigns:

- Guns N' Hoses was a community fundraiser for the Never Forgotten Honor Flight which raised \$48,000.00. This is enough funds to send Portage County Veterans on the honor flight for two years. The 2015 fundraiser will support Portage County Veterans Emergency Fund.
- Heroin Summit
- AODA – County and University Level

2014 Community Action Programs:

- Citizen Recognition program. Two people were recognized in two separate incidents assisting in the apprehensions of robbery suspects and a sexual assault suspect. Three people were recognized in life saving events involving an incapacitated woman on the street in freezing

weather (ultimately performing CPR) and a drowning incident at a swimming pool.

- Pharmaceutical drop off box
- Auxiliary Police Unit Continued Success
  - 12 volunteers
  - Working many events in excess of 600 hours
  - Assisting in patrols during Halloween, traffic control, parades

2014 Interdepartmental Programs:

- Lexipol (fully implemented)
- Computer Forensic Officer
- Municipal Court
- Joint Dispatch Center
- Officer assigned as Crisis Intervention Specialist to assist people suffering from mental health issues. (Partnering with NAMI and Human Services)
- Community Service Officers
  - Assigned fingerprinting duties to keep officers on the street
  - Consistent parking enforcement (49% increase in parking tickets issued)

2015 Major Initiatives:

- Police Department facility review
- Stevens Point Police Department Strategic Direction
- Police officer hiring

Commissioner Schleihs moved, seconded by Commissioner Ostrowski, to accept the 2014 Police Department Annual Report as presented.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

**5. Consent Agenda:**

- a. Minutes
- b. Monthly bills
- c. Fire Chief's Report
  - UWSP Life Skills Presentation:** Assistant Chief Gemza and Assistant Chief Davis attended UWSP Life Skills meeting to give a 1 ½ hour power point presentation on the operations of the SPFD fire operations and EMS operations. This group is comprised of retired professionals from Portage County that meet once a month on different topics that involve the City of Stevens Point and Portage County. There were approximately 35 – 40 people in attendance, and the presentation was well received.
  - Radio Installation:** Northway Communications has installed a new base radio at SPFD Station #1 and started the process of installing new radios in all the fire and EMS apparatus. This project started last year under Chief Kujawa and the completion date is set for April 1, 2015.
  - Thermal Imaging Cameras:** Two new FLIR Thermal Imaging Cameras were purchased from Darley Fire Equipment. These cameras were part of the capital improvement budget for the Fire Department. Each crew is in the process of training with the new cameras. These cameras are scheduled to be placed into service on March 15, 2015.
- d. EMS report

**Paramedic Refresher:** All SPFD paramedics completed our Paramedic Refresher.

**Team work:** Our new EMS room along with Medication closet was completed and up and running. This project was conceived, coordinated and completed by SPFD personnel. A lot of hard work and cooperation helped make this project a success.

**Public Education:** FF/Paramedic Ben Schultz, FF/Paramedic Trevor Howard and Motor Pump Operator Larry Pingel conducted 2 separate "Hands Only CPR/AED" classes for the City Parks personnel and Streets Department Personnel.

**Memorandum of Understanding:** Stevens Point Fire Department and Portage County Health and Human Services Department Adult Protective Services (APS) and Crisis Intervention signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to facilitate better care and flow of information of our patients.

**Joint Training:** We participated in Portage County Sheriff's Special Response Team (SRT) and Joint Hostage Negotiation Team at the WIAA building with WIAA staff as actors. The scenario was a gunman entered the WIAA and shot multiple people including an officer, then took hostages. The goal was to get the patients removed Triaged, Treated and Transported while the SRT cleared the building and the Negotiators negotiated. Special thanks to the WIAA for hosting and providing lunch.

**Rapid Response Vehicle:**

There was a potential of 43 runs in February.

Cancelled en route:	2 times
Lieutenant not available:	2 times
Staffing not allowed:	0 times
RRU not available:	0 times
RRU responded:	39 times

**Response Location of Rapid Response Vehicle:**

Village of Plover	24
Village of Junction City	01
Village of Rosholt	01
Village of Whiting	04
Town of Carson	01
Town of Dewey	01
Town of Hull	05
Town of Plover	02
Town of Sharon	01
Town of Stockton	01
Stevens Point	02

**Response type of Rapid Response Vehicle**

Breathing problems	11
Cardiac arrest	01
Chest Pain	09
Diabetic problems	01
Fall victim	01
Overdose	01
Psychiatric problems	01

Seizures/convulsions	02
Sick person	01
Stab/gunshot wound	02
Stroke/CVA	03
Traffic/Transportation accident	03
Injury	01
Unconscious/fainting	03
Unknown problem/man down	03

Simultaneous Ambulance Requests:

Total number of Ambulance requests in February: 274

2 Ambulances out:	59 (20.43%)
3 Ambulances out:	06 (2.18%)
4 Ambulances out:	0
5 Ambulances out:	0

e. Police Chief's Report

- Chief Kurt Heuer and I met with Representative Shankland and Senator Lassa reference to heroin summits. Legislation we advocated such as shortening the term to register patients in the Prescription Monitoring Program and education for physicians about over prescribing will be introduced possibly this summer. Both Chief Heuer and I offered to go to Madison to testify in support of such legislation.
- The Department is exploring the development of a Retired Officer Association. Plans are to send an informational letter to all department retirees and meet at the police department for a casual gathering.
- Guns N Hoses II date has been set for August 22, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at Bukolt Park. Dual causes this year include the Honor Flight and the Portage County Veteran Relief Fund.
- Police officer bargaining will be going into mediation and a date in April has yet to be solidified.
- The public forum for heroin and prescription drug abuse is set to be scheduled by the end of March. A guest speaker is being considered to offer testimony reference heroin addiction.
- The surveys for the police facility concerns were compiled. The top three concerns are security, HVAC and the ramp.

Commissioner Ostrowski moved, seconded by Commissioner Kirschling, to approve the consent agenda items as outlined above.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

**6. Adjourn into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1) (e) (deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session) for discussion on the following:**

- Update on ambulance contract negotiations with Portage County.
- Update on Fire Department bargaining.

Commissioner Ostrowski moved, seconded by Commissioner Carlson, to adjourn into closed session.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

**7. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.