

CITY OF STEVENS POINT
POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION
TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2019
Stevens Point Fire Department
1701 Franklin Street

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

Also Present: Police Chief Skibba, Fire Chief Finn, Assistant Chief Gemza, Assistant Chief Moody, Assistant Chief Rottier, Mayor Mike Wiza, Alderperson Morrow, Alderperson Kneebone, Sergeant Bob Kussow, Wesley Kussow, Sergeant Dana Williams, Andrew, Isaac and Evan Williams,

UWSP Students: Dylan Lindsey, Sam Haferkorn, Aaron Tomaseski

Fire Department Employees: Simons, Heibler, Ramon, Kedrowski, Pingel, Kitowski, Wastart, Bielen, Zander, Westphal, Karpinski, Warner, Monaghan, Schoeberle

Brandi - SP Metro Wire
Joe - Stevens point City Times
2. **President's Report**

A moment of reflection was held for former Police and Fire Commissioner Richard Judy.
3. **Promotion of Andrew Egan to Fire Marshal**

Andrew Egan is promoted to Fire Marshal effective December 11, 2018.
4. **Promotion of Dana Williams to Police Sergeant**

Dana Williams is promoted to Sergeant effective January 14, 2019.
5. **Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Carlson moved, seconded by Commissioner Kirschling, to approve the minutes of the December 4th and December 10th meetings.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.
6. **Confirmation of Bills**

Commissioner Ostrowski moved, seconded by Commissioner Wescott, to approve the confirmation of the December 2018 bills.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.
7. **Fire Chief's Report**

Chief Finn reported:

Training: The entire department completed Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) refresher.

Salvation Army: SPFD personnel volunteered their time to participate in the “public safety red kettle challenge”. Our efforts raised \$2,081.04 over six hours. The entire challenge raised a total of \$8,710.90 for the Salvation Army.

Swearing In: Newly hired Wes Larson was sworn in as a Firefighter/Paramedic on December 18th.

Significant Events:

- Engine 1 has arrived and will go on line January 8th.
- Metro Fire calls (6)
- Structure fires (2)
- Vehicle fires (1)
- Brush, grass, wildland fires (0)
- Cooking fire contained (2)
- Overheated cooking (0)
- Other fires (3)
- Rescue/EMS calls (51)
- False alarm responses (13)
- Hazardous materials responses (3)
- Other responses (2)
- Total fire losses (\$25,000)
- Total Property saved (\$2,408,200)
- Total responses (77)
- Training: Snack and Chat; Engine 1 Pump Operations; Hose Lays & Appliances; Mechanical Advantage & Anchors Review for Rope Operations. Total training hours: 40
- Fire inspections: Certificate of occupancy (0), general fire inspection (2), General/liquor license inspection (0), Re-inspection (7), Sprinkler system (0), tent inspection (0). Total inspections: 9

Commissioner Wescott moved, seconded by Commissioner Ostrowski to accept the Fire Chief's Report for December, 2018.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

8. Police Chief's Report

Chief Skibba reported:

December:

- Department assisted U.S. Marshal's Service taking male suspect into custody on First Degree Homicide investigation from Chicago.
- Department SWAT and negotiators deployed and arrested armed suspects in conjunction with Adams County armed burglary investigations.
- Two drug warrants conducted by the Investigation Bureau resulting in charges for possession with intent to deliver marijuana, Methamphetamine, and maintaining a drug trafficking place.
- Five weapon involved incidents (4 gun, 1 knife related)
- 83 mental health related incidents (4 emergency detentions)

Projects:

- Building update: Working with Architect to submit building plans for approved interior work to include decontamination showers to be built in 2019.

Presentations:

- Active Shooter, Convention Center & Visitor's Bureau, Hotel Manager's Group, Aspirus

Staffing:

- Assignments:
 - Promotional Process taking place for Sergeant and Corporal based on anticipated retirement of Sergeant Zblewski, and corporal position established in the Investigation Bureau.
 - Hiring process initiated to fill the projected vacancy caused by Sergeant Zblewski's retirement.

Auxiliary Unit:

- 106 events, 1103 volunteer hours in 2018

Activity/Events:

December:

- Auxiliary to assist at college and high school sporting events
- 1st - YMCA Frostbite Run
- 8th - Annual Police Department Volunteers recognition Banquet

January:

- Auxiliary to assist at college and high school sporting events

Commissioner Carlson moved, seconded by Commissioner Ostrowski to accept the Police Chief's Report for December, 2018.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

9. **Adjourn into closed session (approximately 4: 35 p.m.) pursuant to Wisconsin Statute Section 19.85 (1) (e) [deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session] for an update on labor EMS ambulance contract negotiations .**

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

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

10. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m.