

**CITY OF STEVENS POINT
POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2019
Stevens Point Police Department
933 Michigan Avenue**

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

Also Present: Police Chief Skibba, Fire Chief Finn, Assistant Chief Gemza, Alderperson Kneebone, City Treasurer Corey Ladick, Communication Center Manager Denise Nash, Brandi - SP Metro Wire
2. **County Communication Manager Denise Nash presentation**

A Power Point which stressed the struggles/challenges to employ and retain dispatchers was presented by County Communication Manager Denise Nash.

Commissioner Carlson will continue working with the Communication Center Manager, the sheriff and the police and fire chiefs on dispatch issues.
3. **President 's Report**

Nothing to report.
4. **Approval of Minutes - May 7, 2019**

Commissioner Moore moved, seconded by Commissioner Kirschling, to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2019 meeting.

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

Commissioner Wescott moved, seconded by Commissioner Ostrowski, to approve the confirmation of the May 2019 bills.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.
6. **Approval of Fire Department eligibility list**

Commissioner Wescott moved, seconded by Commissioner Kirschling, to approve the Fire Department eligibility list as presented.

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

Significant Events:

- K9 Hose Project for K9 beds
- Pro-Board Cert. Fire Inspector with Written Report
- Tech Rescue Update on Ropes Training
- Annual Hose Testing Complete
- Silo Fire in Wittenberg
- Metro Fire calls (4)
- Structure fires (4)
- Vehicle fires (0)
- Brush, grass, wildland fires (0)
- Cooking fire contained (0)
- Overheated cooking (0)
- Other fires (7)
- Rescue (6)
- EMS assist calls (43)
- False alarm responses (19)
- Hazardous materials responses (7)
- Other responses (7)
- Total fire losses (\$116,500)
- Total Property saved (\$434,800)
- Total responses (93)
- Training: Fire Service Ropes and Knots, Hose testing, Driver Training, Ground Ladders, Sentry Tour with Fire Department Operations. Total training hours: 75
- Fire inspections: Certificate of occupancy (9), Fire Alarm inspections (0), general fire inspection (43), General/liquor license inspection (1), Re-inspection (67), Sprinkler system (1), complaint inspection (0); Special Event permit (0); tent inspection (1). Total inspections: 122
- Public Activities: Pack 299 Tour (with question and answers), Ladder and Spinal Immobilization Show DEMO. Number of attendees: 29

Activities Report:

- EMS Week: EMS week is May 19 to May 25.
- Dementia Awareness Week is May 12 to May 18. SPFD wore purple uniform to show support. Special thanks to Portage County Aging and Disability Resource Center and Dementia Care Specialist Carley Prochaska for the shirts.
- Public Education: 2nd annual Reelin' in the Memories event: M.P.O/Paramedic Glynn Novak represented SPFD in the 2nd Annual Reelin' in the Memories event hosted by the Portage County Aging and Disability Resource Center held at the Wisconsin Lion Camp. The event was the kick of Dementia Awareness week.
- Cub Scout tour: Had a group of young cub scouts stop in for a tour and a question and answer session.

Commissioner Wescott moved, seconded by Commissioner Ostrowski to accept the Fire Chief's Report for May 2019.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

8. Police Chief's Report**Notes of Interest:**

- Mental Health: Subject had jumped out of second story window after barricading themselves in a room. Officers Gerndt and Lepinski were able to grab the subject through the window and pull them back into the building.
- Armed Robbery: Weapon described as an AR type rifle, investigation continuing.
- Burglary in progress: Investigation Bureau responded, suspect apprehended in eight hours. Money and safe were recovered.
- Family shoot: Second annual family shoot. Preparedness training of service weapon.
- 4 weapon involved incidents (2 gun related, 1 knife related)
- 70 mental health related incidents: 19 emergency detentions and 1 knife related.

Projects:

- Capital: Building update (internal building construction approved by State (updating cost), roof replacement (request for proposals being drafted with Director Beduhn's assistance)

Training:

- Criminal Justice Student shadow/ride-alongs
- Internship: UW Oshkosh Criminal Justice student
- SWAT: Fort McCoy, multi-jurisdictional

Staffing:

- Assignments: Officer Chi Yang, Step 2 Field Training

Activity/Events:

May:

- Auxiliary to assist at college and high school sporting events
- K9 Walk-throughs at Pacelli, Ben Franklin and P.J. Jacobs
- 4th - Readers Ruck Run
- 10th - Honor Guard 29th Annual Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony in Madison
- 11th - Cultural Fest
- 18th - Portage County Safety Fair
- 18th - Washington School Tiger Trek Run
- 19th - Mid- State Graduation, Sentry
- 24th - Spud City Car Cruise
- 26th - Project Grad, SPASH

June:

- 1st - Cops & Bobbers
- 1st - Walk Wisconsin
- 6th - 7th - Special Olympics
- 8th - Partners Pub K9 golfing fundraiser
- 22nd - Wild Wind Fun Run, Partners Pub
- 22nd - Knights of Columbus K9 brat fry fundraiser

Auxiliary Unit:

- 34 events, 544 volunteer hours in 2019

Commissioner Carlson moved, seconded by Commissioner Kirschling to accept the Police Chief's Report for May 2019.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

9. **Adjourn into closed session (approximately 4: 45 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 EMS ambulance contract negotiations**

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

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

10. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.