

LADUE BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

March 12, 2018

Present:

Col. William Francis Jr., Chairman  
Mr. John Schaperkotter  
Ms. Carol D. Gaskin  
Mr. L. Shepley Hermann  
Mayor Nancy Spewak

Also present were Fire Chief Steven Lynn, Assistant Fire Chief Jeff Johnson, Police Chief Ken Andreski, Police Captain Darin McClure, Police Lieutenant Ray Hahs and Police Lieutenant Jerry Schwartz.

Chairman Francis called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

The agenda was approved upon motion by Commissioner Gaskin and second by Commissioner Hermann.

The minutes of the regular meeting of February 12, 2018 were approved upon motion by Commissioner Hermann and second by Chairman Francis.

During an opportunity for public comment none was offered.

The Fire Chief entertained questions on the monthly report and discussion began regarding the difference between automatic aid and mutual aid. For automatic aid there is a system in place that automatically happens based on established protocol by type of incident and proximity of available apparatus, whereby mutual aid must be requested. Discussion then turned to percentages of giving and receiving aid to and from other agencies and the protocol for the number of responding units.

Chairman Francis shared a call he received from a resident inquiring about an article covering the practice of transporting a suspected stroke victim directly to the CT scan department as opposed to the emergency room saving precious treatment time. The resident was very complimentary of the City's highly trained firefighters/paramedics. Chairman Francis suggested profiling a few cases in the newsletter to heighten resident awareness.

Discussion ensued regarding the Police Department monthly crime report as presented, the comparison of January data to YTD statistics, and the impending mandatory changes in reporting.

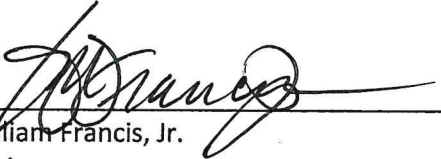
Chief Andreski reviewed key points in the actions taken by the Police Department to prepare for and devise a safety plan for the recent public demonstration at John Burroughs School in order to ensure that all parties were able to express their opinions safely. The department reached out to surrounding municipalities to secure additional officers and worked closely with Ladue Fire Department and Public Works Department to plan for possibilities an event like this could bring. The demonstration was peaceful and the department videotaped the event for future use.

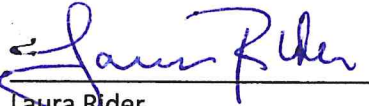
The new Police Manual policy for Section 39.7 Asset Forfeiture was presented with brief discussion of the necessity of the policy. It was noted that the department has never had any state or federal forfeitures. Section 39.7 was approved upon motion by Commissioner Gaskin with second by Commissioner Schaperkotter.

The Commissioners next reviewed Section 23.5 Informants. Discussion ensued regarding the rare occasion that informants have been used, the ability of the School Resource Officer to build rapport with students so they feel comfortable sharing information, and there a suggestion by Chairman Francis to add language requiring a degree of cooperation with the prosecuting attorney's office. It was pointed out that Section V item 9 – Guidance for Officers' actions so that an investigation will not be susceptible to compromise - is in need of some revision and should be rewritten with a general statement. The commissioners discussed other language within the section including supervision by a superior and the use of an independent cooperating agreement that must be signed by the informant.

The consensus of the Commissioners was to hold Section 23.5 for revisions until the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:49 PM upon motion by Commissioner Gaskin and second by Commissioner Hermann.

  
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William Francis, Jr.  
Chairman

  
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Laura Rider  
Assistant to the Mayor/City Clerk