

## LADUE BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Ladue Board of Fire and Police Commissioners was held on Monday, March 11, 2019, at 4:00 p.m., at Ladue City Hall, 9345 Clayton Road.

### Present:

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

### Absent:

Mr. Stephen Jones  
Mr. John Stupp

Also present were Police Chief Ken Andreski, Jr., Police Lt. Ray Hahs, Fire Chief Steven Lynn and Assistant Fire Chief Jeff Johnson.

Chairman Francis called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

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

During an opportunity for public comment none was offered.

Mayor Spewak provided a brief overview of proposed governmental changes.

Chief Andreski presented the monthly report focusing on a home burglary that occurred on Blaytonn Lane, the subsequent investigation and technological advances such as cameras and license plate readers that detect and deter criminal activity and the implications of using such devices.

Chief Andreski and Lt. Hahs presented for consideration of the Commissioners the following policy sections of the Police Policy Manual:

- Section 26.3 Civil Disturbance and Mass Arrests – There were two minor typographical changes and discussion of the advisory role of the Judge and Prosecutor regarding legal issues if a disturbance were to occur.
- Section 26.4 Bomb Threats – Upon inquiry by Commissioner Francis of the frequency of threats Chief Andreski commented that bomb threats occur very infrequently. In recent memory there was a threat at a school but classes were not in session.

It was suggested the word "commercial" be removed from Section II 1.2 where reference was made to disruption of normal commercial activity, and to add a sentence to Section III 2.3 regarding evacuation of a facility during a threat and the Police Department's authority, if in the judgement of the commander on scene that evacuation is necessary, to overrule the individual in charge of the facility if a joint decision cannot be reached. The final suggested change for this policy was to move Section III 3.5(b) to Section III 1 due to the importance of

the responding officers' knowledge that no radio or electronic device be used within fifty (50) feet of a potential active threat.

- Section 39.1 Concealed Carry of Weapons by Citizens – Discussion ensued regarding circumstances and procedures for disarming an individual under arrest, disposition of a firearm by the arresting officer and firearm recovery procedures. Upon conclusion of discussion it was determined to eliminate Section III 2.1 as Section 2.2 outlines the typical practice. Discussion turned to justification to frisk an individual and the Chief stated that reasonable suspicion examples include suspicion of commission of a crime or possession of drugs and stressed that an officer must be able to articulate the reason for the frisk.
- Section 39.2 Concealed Carry for Active Police Officers – There were no suggested changes to this policy.
- Section 39.3 Concealed Carry for Retired Police Officers – Chief Andreski explained the City allows retired Ladue officers to certify for this designation at the City's firing range. Retired officer identification cards have a notation that the individual is qualified.
- Section 39.5 Employee Domestic Violence – The Commissioners discussed Section 39.5 focusing on Section III 2 which states an Ex-Parte Order of Protection does not fall within the scope of this act; a full order of protection must be in place. Commissioner Francis suggested it would be worthwhile to check with the city attorney to determine if the provisions of the Lautenberg Amendment apply with ex-parte orders of protection.

Commissioner Francis expressed his appreciation of all of the Commissioners, as well as Lt. Hahs and other members of the Police Department, for their hard work and dedication to accomplishing the extensive task of updating the entire policy manual. Mayor Spewak wholeheartedly agreed with his expression of appreciation.

Police Policies 26.3 through 39.5 were approved as written with amendments noted during discussion upon motion by Commissioner Gaskin and second by Commissioner Hermann.

Upon presentation of the monthly report by Chief Lynn Commissioner Schaperkotter inquired of the Chief if there was an update on the fire on Upper Ladue. Chief Lynn indicated there was no update at this time.

The Chief reported on a fire fighter who was recently lost in a house fire in the Metro region and briefly described the circumstances of the fire and described the collapse zone in a house fire.

Chief Lynn presented a new policy, 2.17 Child Passenger Safety Seat Policy, explaining the Fire Department has installed car seats or watched installation of seats for many years without a formal written policy in place. It is prudent to have a policy in place and the department is happy to install upon receiving a signed waiver. Three individuals in the department are certified in installation and the Chief will work toward additional individuals becoming certified to ensure someone on duty at all times to assist with installation. The department does not recommend a particular brand of safety seat but does check for recalls.

Fire Department Policy 2.17 Child Passenger Safety Seat Policy was approved upon motion by Commissioner Hermann and second by Commissioner Gaskin.

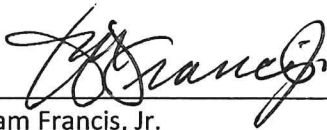
The Fire Chief next reported on an emergency repair to the car port at Fire House No. 2. The engineer brought in to evaluate the structure concluded that the bracing nails used were insufficient. The sides will be removed, the structure re-plumbed and sides re-installed with longer nails. The structure was out of warranty but the original contractor was contacted, but believed that the structure was damaged by a vehicle and would not agree to the repair. The Chief indicated there was no evidence that a vehicle damaged the structure. The cost for repairs after insurance proceeds is \$5,000.00 plus \$850.00 for the engineer's evaluation. Arrangements have been made for a contractor to perform the work soon.

Chief Lynn reported the new pumper truck will be delivered soon. After installation of equipment and lettering it is expected to be in service the second week of April. The oldest pumper will be sold as surplus equipment. A copy of the draft sales contract was distributed to the commissioners.

The Chief reported the renewal of the contract with Central County 911 Dispatching Center for another five year term will be presented to the Council at the March meeting.

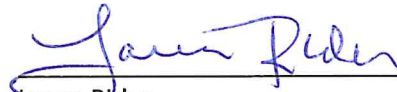
It was determined an April meeting of the Commission is not needed at this time.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM upon motion by Commissioner Hermann and second by Commissioner Gaskin.



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William Francis, Jr.  
Chairman



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Laura Rider  
Assistant to the Mayor/City Clerk