



Rochester Hills Minutes

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Public Safety and Infrastructure Technical Review Committee

*Jason Carlock, Jayson Graves, Greg Hooper, Walter Johnson, Jenny McCardell,
Tom Stephens and Scott Struzik*

Council Members: Dale A. Hetrick, Mark A. Tisdell

Youth Representatives: Lea Schulz and Natalie Vaglia

Wednesday, April 19, 2017

6:00 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

Conference Room #130

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Johnson called the Public Safety and Infrastructure Technical Review Committee meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Michigan Time.

ROLL CALL

Present 8 - Jason Carlock, Dale Hetrick, Walter Johnson, Jenny McCardell, Scott Struzik, Tom Stephens, Jayson Graves and Mark A. Tisdell

Absent 1 - Greg Hooper

Others Present:

Captain Michael Johnson, OCSO

Joe Snyder, Chief Financial Officer

Natalie Vaglia, Rochester Hills Government Youth Council Representative

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2017-0114 Approval of Meeting Minutes - March 2, 2017

Attachments: [030217 Minutes.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

A motion was made by Graves, seconded by Stephens, that this matter be Approved as Presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 8 - Carlock, Hetrick, Johnson, McCardell, Struzik, Stephens, Graves and Tisdell

Absent 1 - Hooper

Resolved, that the Minutes of the Public Safety and Infrastructure Technical Review Committee meeting held on March 2, 2017 be approved as presented.

Approved as presented at the May 24, 2017 Public Safety and Infrastructure Technical Review Committee Meeting

(Member Hooper arrived at 6:07 p.m.)

ROLL CALL

Present 9 - Jason Carlock, Dale Hetrick, Greg Hooper, Walter Johnson, Jenny McCardell, Scott Struzik, Tom Stephens, Jayson Graves and Mark A. Tisdell

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2017-0190 Review of Police Staffing

Attachments: [SUPP 2017 Public Safety ITRC Presentation.pdf](#)

Chairperson Johnson introduced Joe Snyder, City Chief Financial Officer for the Committee's discussion and review of the City's police staffing.

Mr. Snyder recalled that during the 2017 City Budget discussions last year, it was noted that there was interest in possibly adding another officer to the OCSO. He stated that the following items had been referred to the Committee Members for discussion and in preparation for the City's budget meeting to be held on Monday, August 21, 2017 :

- Does the City need another officer or officers;
- If so, in what assignment areas; and
- Community Education Liaison and/or Road Deputy.

Mr. Snyder then introduced Captain Michael Johnson, Oakland County Sheriffs' Office (OCSO) to give a PowerPoint presentation (attached to Legislative File #2017-0190) to assist the Committee in its discussions.

Captain Johnson stated that he had last met with the Committee back in 2012 regarding the police millage. He described that the data was to assist them with a brief overview of the OCSO organizational structure. He commented that the positions are as follows:

- Two (2) Clerical Assistants
- Adult Crossing Guard Program - nine (9) regular guards and four (4) substitute guards
- Two (2) Lieutenants
- Six (6) Road Patrol Sergeants
- One (1) Desk Officer
- One (1) Desk Sergeant
- Twenty-Nine (29) Road Patrol Deputies
- Six (6) Traffic Officers (One (1) Weighmaster)
- Seven (7) Detectives (One (1) NET Officer)
- Three (3) School Liaison Officers
- One (1) Captain

which consist of approximately sixty percent (60%) road patrol, sixteen percent (16%) detective, twelve percent (12%) traffic, five percent (5%) administration.

Member Tisdell asked Captain Johnson to explain the functions of the road patrol and traffic officers.

Captain Johnson explained that road patrol deputies (service deputies) respond to calls for service, some traffic enforcement and to prepare crash investigation reports. If road patrol officers are tied up, traffic officers assist in that area as well.

Captain Johnson reported that the OCSO handled 1,350 cases (recovered approximately \$57,733.43 in stolen property) which was the most that had ever been assigned to a detective bureau. He noted that there had been a significant increase in identity theft cases since 2007.

Member Tisdell asked about the time frame structure of the day and afternoon shifts.

Captain Johnson responded that the day shift is approximately 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and the afternoon shift is approximately 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Discussion ensued by the Committee Members about traffic statistics in the City.

Captain Johnson discussed the School Liaison Program which is comprised of three (3) deputies and two (2) Rochester City police officers assigned to Rochester Community Schools (Adams, Rochester and Stoney Creek High Schools as well as the middle and elementary schools). He stated that this is one of the best programs that OCSO put together in the community. He explained that the OCSO's objective is to have at least one positive contact with every student at least every other year and works to achieve this goal by the officers teaching classes in the schools.

Member Tisdell inquired about program funding.

Captain Johnson responded that Rochester Community Schools pays twenty-five percent (25%), the City of Rochester pays twenty-five percent (25%), Oakland Township pays twenty-five percent (25%) and the City of Rochester Hills pays twenty-five percent (25%).

Captain Johnson then described the Road Patrol as the 'backbone' of any police department and the OCSO road patrol is comprised of:

- Thirty-Five (35) positions, six (6) patrol sergeants, twenty-nine (29) road officers;
- Has responded to 33,389 calls for service;
- Been assigned eight hundred twelve (812) cases;
- Recovered approximately \$17,000 in stolen property.

He expressed his concern about the large increase (approximately 2,000) in calls for service since 2015.

Discussion ensued by the Committee Members and Captain Johnson about the duties of the clerical staff, the desk officer and the amount of walk-in traffic at the substation.

Discussion then continued by the Committee Members and Captain Johnson about the chart graph detailing:

- *The 2015 population comparisons;*
- *The number of officers; and*
- *The ratio of officers per 1,000 residents*

for the cities of Auburn Hills, Farmington Hills and Troy.

Captain Johnson *stated that the OCSO had been tracking calls for service very closely over the last couple of years. He noted that in the past, he informed City Council that if the numbers began to increase at an alarming amount, he would return to City Council and ask for additional officers. He discussed the graph chart showing the OCSO Total Calls for Service from 2007 through 2016, noted the significant increase from 2015 to 2016 and explained that was the reason he was meeting with the Committee Members at this time.*

He then discussed the last page of his presentation with the Committee Members which described the supplemental services provided at no additional cost:

Patrol Services Division:

- *Marine Division*
- *Reserve Unit*
- *Traffic/Alcohol Enforcement*
- *K-9 Unit*
- *Special Response Team*
- *Crash Investigation Unit*

Investigative and Forensic Services Division:

- *Auto Theft Unit*
- *Forensic Crime Lab*
- *Special Investigations*
- *Fire/Arson Unit*
- *Fugitive Apprehension Team*
- *Computer Crimes Unit*
- *Warrant Division*
- *Training Unit*
- *Aviation Unit*
- *Violent Crimes Task Force*

The Committee Members discussed the benefits of contracting with the OCSO.

Discussion ensued by the Committee Members as to the types of calls for service from the OCSO:

- Speeding*
- Drunk drivers*
- Traffic smart cart requests*
- Signage around schools*
- Number of officers on the various shifts*
- Police response times for crashes, domestic violence and assault cases, property damage accidents and hit/run crashes*
- Inquiries at the police substation.*

***Mr. Snyder** stated that the millage rate is set equal to operation costs which included overtime estimates for budget purposes. He commented that while Oakland County owns the substation, the City has three (3) years remaining on its current lease-to-own program which will result in the City owning the substation fully at the end of that three (3) year period.*

The Committee Members then discussed the two (2) police millages and any potential to increase the number of officers that service the City.

***Captain Johnson** commented that on occasion during the rush hour shift, additional officers are needed because the number of calls for service may be greater than the number of available officers working the rush hour shift.*

The Committee Members discussed response times and millage amounts similarly compared to the Fire Department.

Discussion ensued as to whether the economic recovery levels will return to the same as before the recession.

***Member Tisdell** asked Captain Johnson, if, according to the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG)'s data reflects that the City's traffic population remain consistent throughout the day.*

***Captain Johnson** concurred and stated that the City's population does remain consistent compared to heavily populated industrial and business parks that experience population reductions at the end of the work day.*

Discussion ensued by the Committee Members as to the direct correlation between traffic accidents and distracted driving.

***Captain Johnson** commented that the school liaison officers are teaching the dangers of distracted driving, texting and sexting in the schools everyday.*

***Member Hooper** suggested that the Committee recommend to City Council the addition of two (2) officers for Fiscal Year 2018 and to maintain the existing police millage rates.*

A motion was made by Hooper, seconded by McCardell, that this matter be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 9 - Carlock, Hetrick, Hooper, Johnson, McCardell, Struzik, Stephens, Graves and Tidel

Resolved, that the Public Safety and Infrastructure Technical Review Committee recommends to City Council the addition of two (2) officers for Fiscal Year 2018 and to maintain the existing police millage rates.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

NEXT MEETING DATE

- Wednesday, May 24, 2017 - 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Public Safety and Infrastructure Technical Review Committee, Chairperson Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Walter Johnson, Chairperson

*Prepared by Christine A. Wissbrun
Recording Secretary, City Clerk's Office*