Minutes

Present:
Public Safety Committee Chairman, Orman Hall,
Committee Member, Gerald Woodgeard

Also present:
City Safety Director, Paul Martin
Fire Department Chief, David Ward
Chief of Police, Adam Pillar
Grant Writer, Lynda Berge

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 am.

Chief Ward and Chief Pillar stated that no requests for Council action are planned for the upcoming July 15th meeting. The remaining committee time was used to orient new council member Hall to the functioning and overall status of both departments. Chief Ward noted that recent retirements were causing some financial constraints for the fire department. Chief Ward also noted that the city has benefited from reciprocal arrangements from adjacent township fire districts.

Both departments are working to remain competitive with the salary structures of Columbus area fire and police departments.

Council member Hall presented a Lancaster census tract map depicting the general location of suicides occurring within Lancaster neighborhoods from 2010 through 2018. He suggested that future meetings should also focus on the safety related social issues confronting the city.

Council member Woodgeard made the motion to adjourn, Council member Hall seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.
Overdose Deaths by Census Tract
Lancaster, Ohio
2010 - 2018

Source: Ohio Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Ohio Death Certificate File. These data were provided by the Ohio Department of Health. The Department specifically disclaims responsibility for any analyses, interpretations or conclusions.