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February 15, 2019

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

**Scottie Ard
Jim Jackson
Ron Volkert**

There will be a meeting of the Public Safety Committee on Tuesday, February 19, 2019, at 2:00 p.m. in the ED Lab of the Civic Center, 156 East First Street, New Richmond.

Amended Agenda:

- 1. Roll Call**
- 2. Adoption of Agenda**
- 3. Approval of minutes from the previous meeting, September 25, 2018**
- 4. Safe Routes to School**
- 5. CBD Oil Update**
- 6. Squad Video / Body Camera Systems**
- 7. Drug Task Force MOU Update**
- 8. Mobile Field Force Update**
- 9. K-9 Agility Equipment Update**
- 10. Squad Car RFP Process ***
- 11. Communications and Miscellaneous**
- 12. Adjournment**

**Mike Darrow
City Administrator**

Copies:

**Fred Horne
Jim VanderWyst
Northwest Community Communications
Matt Melby**

**Craig Yehlik
The News
City of New Richmond Website**

**** denotes added agenda item***

A majority of the members of the New Richmond City Council may be present at the above meeting.

Pursuant to State ex rel. Badke v. Greendale Village Board, 173 Wis. 2d 553, 494 N.W. 2nd 408 (1993) such attendance may be considered a meeting of the City Council and must be noticed as such, although the Council will not take action at this meeting.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

September 25, 2018

4:30 p.m.

Members Present: Jim Jackson and Ron Volkert

Members Absent: Scottie Ard

Others Present: Craig Yehlik, Jim Vanderwyst and Lori Brinkman

Jim Jackson called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Roll call was taken.

Ron Volkert moved to adopt the agenda as presented, seconded by Jim Jackson and carried.

Ron Volkert moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting of June 27, 2018, seconded by Jim Jackson and carried.

CBD Oil Update

Police Chief Craig Yehlik gave an update on CBD oil possession. A legislative bill has passed stating that biproducts of hemp are legal to end users (including oils), however, State Statutes still state that biproducts of hemp are illegal. It's hard to enforce at this time because of the discrepancy. Chief Yehlik is waiting for the Attorney General to release a statement so there is clear direction for law enforcement, but he doesn't think it will happen until after the November election.

UTV/ATV/Golf Cart Use on Roadways

Alderman Jackson asked that the issue of allowing UTVs/ATVs and golf carts on City streets be discussed at the Public Safety Committee meeting. Chief Yehlik has been researching what other nearby jurisdictions allow. From what he has found so far, Somerset has recently adopted a UTV/ATV ordinance and North Hudson is in the process of adopting a UTV/ATV ordinance. It appears that Woodville is the only nearby jurisdiction that allows golf carts on their streets. Discussion followed about the benefits and challenges of adopting a policy for UTVs/ATVs and/or golf carts. One thing to keep in mind is that a specified crossing point would need to be established upon all highways within City limits.

Chief Yehlik will continue to research.

Mobile Field Force

Chief Yehlik explained that earlier this year the State made some grant money available for groups around the state to provide a "Mobile Field Force" for times of civil unrest. At an area Police Chief meeting, Rice Lake Police Chief Steve Roux indicated he would take the lead on this grant if he had support from some of the larger police departments in the area (such as New Richmond, Hudson, and River Falls). They are hoping to get four agencies that would be willing to have (up to) four officers trained and ready to be available to be sent to areas throughout Wisconsin in times of civil unrest to help with crowd management, protests, directional movement, etc. Chief Yehlik explained that Chief Roux already sent two of his officers to the training and they can in turn train other officers. Chief Yehlik asked the Committee if this is a worthwhile effort to look into. Alderman Volkert and Alderman Jackson believe it is worthwhile to pursue. The grant money would cover basic crowd control equipment such as helmets, chest protectors, batons, etc. Discussion ensued.

Ron Volkert made a motion for Chief Yehlik to move forward with mobile field force research and finalizing a Memorandum of Understanding which will be presented at a later date for full Council approval, seconded by Jim Jackson and carried.

Police Department Fees

The Attorney General's office has issued a news release stating that many government agencies are charging too much for documentation related to public records requests. The release emphasizes that government agencies are only able to charge a fee for the actual, necessary, and direct costs of four specific tasks: reproduction and transcription, photographing and photographic processing, locating, and mailing/shipping. Government agencies may not charge for the time it takes to redact records, and agencies may not make profits on its responses to public records requests. Chief Yehlik mentioned that there have been some recent local lawsuits against municipalities for exorbitant fees. He then outlined the current fee schedule for the Police Department for things such as paper copies/reports, DVDs, and photographs. He also went over the fees outlined by the Department of Justice (\$0.0135 per black and white copy, \$0.0632 per color copy, \$0.13 for a DVD). Chief Yehlik believes City staff should proactively look at our current fees to ensure we are not charging too much. Alderman Volkert suggested Chief Yehlik work with Human Resource Manager Sarah Reese and City Clerk Tanya Batchelor to pull a full listing of fees to bring to the Council for review in light of the Attorney General's news release.

Communication/Miscellaneous

Chief Yehlik stated K-9 Storm is doing great. Storm was able to help clear a building last month after calls of gunshots fired.

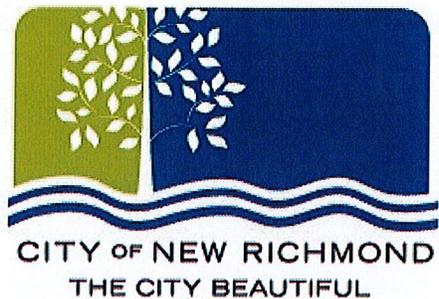
Detective de la Cruz will be holding a "Drugs in Plain Sight" presentation at the United Methodist Church this Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m.

Lori Brinkman noted we need to avoid rescheduling the Public Safety Committee meetings to afternoons when the Library Board has meetings.

Ron Volkert moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jim Jackson and carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

Minutes by Lori Brinkman



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Public Safety Committee

FROM: Craig Yehlik, Chief of Police

DATE: 02/15/19

SUBJECT: Safe Routes to School

Alderman Scottie Ard requested that "Safe Routes to School" be on the agenda for this Public Safety Committee meeting. Alderman Ard will provide more information at the meeting.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Public Safety Committee

FROM: Craig Yehlik, Chief of Police

DATE: 02/15/2019

SUBJECT: CBD oil update

In mid-2018, the New Richmond City Council passed an ordinance prohibiting CBD products from being sold, possessed and/or consumed in the City of New Richmond.

Chief Yehlik would like to update the Public Safety Committee on enforcement and potential changes to the Wisconsin State law.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Public Safety Committee

FROM: Craig Yehlik, Chief of Police

DATE: 02/15/19

SUBJECT: Squad Car Video/Body Camera information and update

At this Public Safety Committee meeting Sgt. Sather will provide an overview of the in-car video cameras and associated body cameras from various vendors and highlight the system that appears to be the best fit for the New Richmond Police Department.



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MEMORANDUM

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FROM: Craig Yehlik, Chief of Police

DATE: 02/15/19

SUBJECT: St. Croix Valley Drug Task Force Memorandum of Understanding

Chief Yehlik is a current sitting Board Member of the St Croix Valley Drug Task Force and has been actively working with the rest of the group, which is comprised of the Sheriffs of St. Croix County, Polk County and Pierce County, Chiefs of Police from Hudson, River Falls and New Richmond. The Board has been working on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for about six months, which has been reviewed by Corporation Council from each County and the legal advisors from the Cities involved, including our own attorney, Nick Vivian. The MOU was presented to City Administrator Mike Darrow and Mayor Fred Horne for signing earlier this week.

Some of the benefits of being active members of the St. Croix Valley Drug task force include overtime reimbursement, a large pool of drug task force officers to assist with complex investigations, a covert work area and access to specialized equipment including recorders, cameras, narcotics testing equipment and vehicles. Detective de la Cruz is very active with this group and many benefits have been realized.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Public Safety Committee
FROM: Craig Yehlik, Chief of Police
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SUBJECT: Mobile Field Force update

The Public Safety Committee had previously approved the Police Department moving forward with the mobile field force. This was part of a joint operation spearheaded by the Rice Lake Police Department working with Hudson PD, River Falls PD and New Richmond PD. There was a grant available and Chief Roux (Rice Lake PD) was successful in writing the grant. Chief Roux found out that we were recipients of the grant money, which will cover the cost of all training for the officers along with all specialized equipment needed.

With the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed and grant money in hand, the equipment was ordered at no cost to the Police Department to outfit three of our officers. The three officers involved (Carlos de la Cruz, Officer Aaron Anderson and Officer Todd Shafer) have previously been trained in mobile field force so any additional training will be advanced. This program benefits the entire area if there is civil unrest. The MOU requires that all Chiefs involved agree to send the entire unit if they are requested for any outside agencies. The City will benefit as we will have more trained officers available for any type of civil unrest or crowd control if we ever need it. The main instructors for the group will also be "train the trainer" certified so we will be able to train our entire department for free. This along with all of the free equipment we were able to receive last year means that we are well outfitted and will be well trained before the end of the year.



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SUBJECT: K-9 Agility equipment update

At the last Public Safety Committee meeting, the committee approved the placement of K-9 training equipment in the vacant grassy area south of the Police Department on City owned land. The original idea was to split any costs of the materials with the Sheriff's Department and also have the school construction class or other entity help build.

We are sad to report that the Sheriff's Department decided to pull out of the project. Due to travel time for Katie and Storm and increased time out of the City for training, among other things, it was decided that we would build some of the items for the K-9 Course to have at our facility so Katie and Strom can continue to train without having to drive all the way to Hudson. The New Richmond Boy Scout Troop and officer Shaffer volunteered to build the hurdles and the boxes to start with. I am happy to report that those items have been built and we are just waiting for the snow to melt to get them put out.

We would also request that as funds are available in the K-9 fund and as Katie sees the need, we can seek out another entity to assist with the project so the rest of the K-9 agility equipment can be kept on site.

Chief Yehlik will present on the financing of that at the meeting.