



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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The Town of Brighton Public Safety Committee convened on Tuesday April 12, 2022 at 08:00 hrs. in the Auditorium, Brighton Town Hall, 2300 Elmwood Avenue, Rochester, New York 14618.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at or around 8:00 AM

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Receive and file minutes of the March 8, 2021 meeting.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Supervisor William Moehle
Councilmember Christopher Werner, Chair
Councilmember Jason DiPonzo, Co-Chairperson
David Catholdi, Chief, Brighton Police Department
Mike DeSain, Deputy Chief, Brighton Police Department
Jevon Tomaschko, Chief of Operations, Brighton Volunteer Ambulance
Mike Sands, Assistant Chief, Brighton Fire District
Mark Audino, Battalion Chief, Henrietta Fire District
Mike Guyon, Commissioner of Public Works, Town of Brighton DPW
Christopher Roth, Chief Fire Marshal, Town of Brighton

GUESTS

Councilmember Robin Wilt
Councilmember Christine Corrado
Jackie Marchand

COMMUNICATIONS:

OPEN FORUM:

NETWORKING:

Brighton Ambulance – The following information outlines the activities for Brighton Volunteer Ambulance for March, 2022.

- Brighton Volunteer Ambulance received a total of 691 requests for service throughout the month of March, with a total of 463 being within the Brighton Ambulance District, with 268 Brighton Residents receiving services.
- A total of 211 requests for Mutual Aid were received for surrounding ambulance districts. Of those 211 requests, Brighton Volunteer Ambulance responded to 134 of those requests.
- Total Brighton Volunteer Ambulance requests for service up to April 1st is 1993 (an increase of 21% from 021 volume, 17% from this month last year).
- Code 32 reserve policy was applied 91 times in the month of March. Of those 91 occasions, BVA staff were able to respond to 40 calls within the district that otherwise would have been assigned to mutual aid, showing an efficacy of 44%.
 - Training Dept. expansion is an on-going effort.

- Loan closet has re-opened
- RG&E has provided the Winton Rd project traffic plan and options are being explored to mitigate any potential hindrances. Neighboring agencies have been advised to avoid the 12 Corners area for the duration of the project if at all possible.

Brighton Fire Department –

- 653 calls year to date with nothing of significance since the last meeting
- approximately 16 people attended last volunteer information session and from that, 4 have expressed further interest in joining
- 3 career firefighters in the academy, which will conclude in late May

Brighton DPW –

- Lawn and Garden pick up started Monday April 11th
- Starting the 4 (10 Hour) work days
- Road Repair – Starting around second week of May
- Patching Potholes & Refuge Pick Up

Brighton Police Department

- Increase with Grab and Run thefts

Chief Catholdi addressed recent grab and run thefts across the country are rising but here locally there are some but not at the national levels. These are professional shoplifters and this activity is petty larceny and an appearance ticket offense.
- 100% of staff Crisis Intervention Trained (CIT) as of last week

Curriculum consists of 40 hours of coursework:

 - Mental health diagnoses and treatment
 - Chemical dependency
 - Engaging autistic individuals
 - Engaging juveniles
 - Communication & de-escalation
 - Older adults
 - Veterans
 - Local resources
 - Hospital protocol/ outreach teams
 - Officer wellness
 - Roleplays
 - Hearing voices exercise

18 accidents over 6 years at the intersection of Browncroft/Shafsbury traffic special attention will continue in that area as time permits

Henrietta Fire District

- Year to date incidents: 1950 (as of noon on Monday - 4/11/2022)
- YTD incidents in Brighton: 210 (as of noon on Monday - 4/11/2022)
- March incidents in Brighton: 76
- Incidents of significance: Minor structure fire on 4/9

Town Council – No Report

OLD BUSINESS:

RE MATTER: RGE Winton Road Gas Main Replacement Project –

- An email project update (including the updated Project Fact Sheet and approved Detour Plan) that was shared with our key stakeholders: Schools, Public Safety & Community Engagement
- Third-party verification from our mailing vendor of our March 29, 2022 Construction Notification mailing to 868 customers within our designated target area
 - The attached visualization of our designated target mailing area:
 - The purple-lined segments denote the area included for the March Construction Notification
 - The yellow circle denotes the area of addresses received from the Town of Brighton for the Public Meeting in Feb 2022.
 - I am happy to report that I have not received any complaints about the project, neither email nor eVoice, since our March mailing.

RE MATTER: Update on the Catalytic Converter theft taskforce – Catholdi

Chief Catholdi updated the committee as about recent task force meeting and activity within the Town of Brighton and Monroe County. Have not seen many changes in activity recently and continue to work with agencies at the table.

RE MATTER: Change of speed limit on Winton to 30mph from 35mph to Westfall – Corrado

Commissioner Guyon is to follow up with Monroe County DOT for the request to reduce the speed limit as well as review stripping and a left turn request along Winton Road.

NEW BUSINESS

RE MATTER: ReConnect Rochester Event - Jackie Marchand

Jackie Marchand addressed the committee and reviewed the ReConnect Rochester bicycle event on June 4th, County of Monroe permit is pending. 8 Mile Loop - Starting at Genesee Valley Park at Hawthorn Lodge and head east on the Erie Canal to the Highland Trail to the Riverway Trail returning to the Genesee Valley Park.

There is a more energetics route of 33 miles also proposed to use some of the same bike paths and a a big bike loop through the City of Rochester using some of the bike boulevards with a beautiful trail along Lake Ontario.

RE MATTER: Speeding Browncroft Boulevard / exiting apartment complex @ Knollbrook - Kim Hudson

Christine Corrado explained the resident contacted her about dangerous conditions with both speeding up the Browncroft Boulevard hill and the left turn @ Knollbrook. Chief Catholdi is going to station officer SMART to monitor the area for speed and volume as well as added this to the special attention patrol list.

Westbound cars are transitioning from the posted 55 mph to a much slower posted 35 mph and are focusing on traffic control devices and other traffic movements and are not fully observing the reduced speed limit.

Brighton Police to report back next month with speed and volume data collected and update on enforcement efforts as time and resources allow.

RE MATTER: Reduce speed limit on Buckland Avenue, Newton Drive and Danbury Circle to 25mph to match the remainder of the neighborhood speed limit postings. – Guyon

Commissioner Guyon is responding to a resident request to reduce the few selected streets to match the neighborhood speed limit of 25mph. The neighborhood to be evaluated and a recommendation will be made to the Town Board for formal action.

RE MATTER: Safety aspects of Hopr bikeshare use- Werner

Brief discussion about recently installed bike rack at the Town Hall and how the rider is matched with the bike with respect to maneuvering, handling and speed governance.

RE MATTER: Mental Health calls- Ambulance, Police and Fire training and services

General discussion about Ambulance, Police and Fire training relating to mental health calls and mental health aspects of general calls. BVA has planned August training and all services have continuing training. Discussion of potential community forum to discuss Brighton's approach and readiness.

THE TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING IS Tuesday May 10, 2022 @ 0800 Hours