



# City of West Allis

## Meeting Minutes

### Police and Fire Commission

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Thursday, July 15, 2021

6:00 PM

West Allis Police Department  
11301 W. Lincoln Ave.

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#### REGULAR MEETING AND CLOSED SESSION

##### A. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Kopplin called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

##### B. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Amy Heron, Mark Manthei, Danielle Romain and Kurt Kopplin

Absent: Commissioner Leverett Baldwin

Also present: Fire Chief Mason Pooler, Deputy Chief Armando Suarez Del Real, LT Jesse Schwark - Fire Department; Police Chief Patrick Mitchell, Deputy Chief Robert Fletcher, Deputy Chief Chris Marks - Police Department; Bridget Morawetz, Recording Secretary

##### C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the June 17, 2021 Regular and Closed Session Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Kopplin and seconded by Commissioner Manthei to approve the June 17, 2021 Regular and Closed Session Meeting Minutes as presented.

The motion carried by the following votes:

Aye: 4, Commissioners Heron, Manthei, Romain and Kopplin

Nay: 0

**D. FIRE DEPARTMENT****1. Operations Division Report**

Chief Pooler stated that run volume is high and this trend is expected to continue as mutual aid to Milwaukee and Wauwatosa is required. Chief Pooler noted that mutual aid to these cities are a result of a phased-out ambulance on the north side of Wauwatosa and the lack of private ambulance services within the City of Milwaukee.

Chief Pooler then went on to review a fatal fire that occurred on 55th and Rogers. He noted that upon arrival, crews were informed of a trapped victim on the second floor of the house. He stated that upon recovery, life saving measures were taken but to no avail. Chief Pooler noted that there were non-working smoke detectors discovered in the house.

Commissioner Heron inquired as to whether the landlord could be fined for not having working smoke detectors and Chief Pooler stated the fire department would not be in a position to do so, but perhaps family members or other interested parties may be able to take legal action.

Chief Pooler then went thru the benchmarks included in AC Scharfenberg's report.

The Commissioners had no additional questions or comments and the report was placed on file.

**2. EMS Bureau Report**

Chief Pooler reviewed a highlighted call regarding a patient who was PNB upon the arrival of WAPD. Responding officers started chest compressions immediately; once the fire crews arrived, defibrillation was administered and placed on a LUCAS device and the patient regained a pulse. Chief Pooler stated that early CPR administration by police was essential in increasing the likelihood of survival. Chief Pooler stated that the patient's husband contacted the responding station to let them know she is on her way to recovery.

Chief Pooler noted that the crews were recently trained on two new devices:

- I-gel Airway supraglottic airway device which will replace the King Airway. This new device will allow for a smooth insertion without the need to inflate an air cuff.
- Intraosseous (IO) training which allows for IO access thru a patient's humeral head instead of their tibia.

Lastly, Chief Pooler noted an unsolicited letter of thanks the dispatch center received from OEM regarding their consistent and diligent completion of informational forms when a patient is assessed for CPR instructions and deliver guidance to a caller.

Chief Pooler then reviewed the benchmarks contained in DC Novak's report.

The Commissioners had no additional questions or comments and the report was placed on file.

## 3. EMS Revenue Report

Chief Pooler stated along with the uptick in call volume, the ems revenue results continue to stay ahead of projection as well.

The Commissioners had no additional questions or comments and the report was placed on file.

## 4. QPR Performance Report - June

Chief Pooler stated that a new call reviewer has been assigned to the QPR account recently and results for June were not as expected, given past performance. However, overall, the dispatch center continues on the right path.

The Commissioners had no additional questions or comments and the report was placed on file.

## 5. Training Bureau Report

Chief Pooler stated that June training consisted of virtual and practical training for crews. He stated that crews were able to the police department training house for search and rescue training, which was challenging as the crews were not familiar with the layout of either floor of the training house.

Chief Pooler noted that all new recruits continue to progress thru their training skills as expected.

The Commissioners had no additional questions or comments and the report was placed on file.

## 6. Community Risk Reduction/Support Services Division Report

DC Armando Suarez Del Real stated that PulsePoint changed their data collection model recently and are reporting only active follower numbers vs. followers in general. He stated that it needs to be determined what active follower really means and how that data is being determined.

DC Suarez Del Real stated that one of the initiatives the bureau will be taking on to attempt to capture better data on overdoses is separating out data relative to those attributed to West Allis residents and those that are simply in the city and overdose. DC Suarez Del Real stated that this will be helpful to focus on those in the community with addiction issues in attempt to reduce the overall city's overdose rate.

Lastly DC Suarez Del Real stated that the department again will be offering hands only CPR instruction during the run of State Fair. He stated that within a day of sending out a volunteer sign-up sheet to the health community, all but 2 spots have been filled.

The Commissioners had no additional questions or comments and the report was placed on file.

## 7. Fire Prevention Bureau Report

Chief Pooler noted that required yearly re-inspections continue to progress as expected.

Chief Pooler recognized DC Wright's recent achievement of obtaining a Field Incident Technician (FIT) designation thru the International Association of Arson Investigation (IAAI). The Commissioner's requested that Chief Pooler congratulate DC Wright on their behalf.

The Commissioner's had no additional questions or comments and the report was placed on file.

## 8. Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH) Bureau Report

Deputy Chief Armando Suarez Del Real stated that in June the MIH bureau teamed up with the West Allis Health Department for a Covid-19 vaccination campaign coined Shot and a Beer. He stated that vaccination shots were offered to patrons at the Westallion Brewery and Drunk Uncle establishments and those receiving a shot received a free beer.

The Commissioners had no additional questions or comments and the report was placed on file.

## 9. Fire Department Financial Report

Chief Pooler did not highlight anything on this report and the Commissioners had no additional questions or comments. The report was placed on file.

## 10. Master Plan Performance Snapshot

Chief Pooler did not highlight anything on this report and the Commissioners had no additional questions or comments. The report was placed on file.

## 11. Request for approval: Funding of WAFD training class from PFC budget

Chief Pooler requested approval to spend \$1200 out of the PFC budget to fund a 3-day implicit bias training program conducted by Milwaukee Municipal Court Judge Derek Mosley.

A motion was made by Commissioner Heron and seconded by Commissioner Romain to approve the funding request as presented by Chief Pooler.

The motion carried by the following votes:

Aye: 4, Commissioners Heron, Manthei, Romain and Kopplin

Nay: 0

**E. POLICE DEPARTMENT**

## 12. Police Department Financial Report

Chief Mitchell did not highlight anything on this report and the Commissioners had no additional questions or comments. The report was placed on file.

## 13. Monthly Performance Report

Chief Mitchell stated that with a recent resignation, the department currently has six vacancies. He stated that the department will be hiring five new officers by mid-august and will carry one vacancy in 2022. Chief Mitchell stated that anticipation of additional retirements between August and the end of the year will bring the open position total back to five or six.

Chief Mitchell stated that although there will not be an official National Night Out event for West Allis, he indicated that the department is working on a smaller, scaled back community event to be held at the farmer's market in September.

Lastly, Chief Mitchell stated that the rise in car thefts continue, not only in West Allis and Milwaukee, but the entire surrounding areas. He stated that these thefts are mostly the work of youthful offenders and in most cases, the corresponding penalty does not deter most from continuing the behavior.

The Commissioners had no additional questions or comments and the report was placed on file.

## 14. Patrol Activity Report

Chief Mitchell stated that a stabbing incident on 76th and Lincoln was a complicated incident. He briefly reviewed the incident, stating that both parties involved were stabbed, one fatally. Chief Mitchell noted that the case is under review with the DA's office.

Chief Mitchell reviewed an incident that took place in June that made excellent use of PIT maneuver. He stated this maneuver was helpful to gain control of the fleeing car by forcing it to stop and a search of the car resulted in the recovery of guns and cocaine. He stated that the department conducts this type of training every 2-3 years and is planning on a joint training session with Brookfield PD in the near future.

The Commissioners had no additional questions or comments and the report was placed on file.

## 15. Communications Activity Report

Chief Mitchell did not highlight anything on this report and the Commissioners had no additional questions or comments. The report was placed on file.

## 16. Community Services Bureau Report

Chief Mitchell did not highlight anything on this report and the Commissioners had no additional questions or comments. The report was placed on file.

## 17. Criminal Investigations Unit Activity Report

Chief Mitchell did not highlight anything on this report and the Commissioners had no additional questions or comments. The report was placed on file.

## 18. Tavern Violation Report

Chief Mitchell did not highlight anything on this report and the Commissioners had no additional questions or comments. The report was placed on file.

## 19. Training Report

Chief Mitchell stated probationary officers Evans and Seghers continue to progress thru their in-house training satisfactorily and are expected to be assigned to field training by mid-July.

The Commissioners had not additional questions or concerns and the report was placed on file.

**F. POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION**

## 20. PFC Financial Report

The PFC financial report was presented and placed on file.

## 21. Closed session: 2020 annual performance evaluation and 2021 goal setting for the Fire Chief

## G. CLOSED SESSION

*PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners of the City of West Allis will, upon conclusion of open session, consider and vote on a motion to convene in closed session at said time and place to administer the 2020 annual performance evaluation and 2021 goal setting for the Fire Chief and to take such further action as may be necessary and appropriate in these matters.*

*A closed session for the above purpose is authorized pursuant to the provision of Section 19.85 (1)(c) of the Wis. Stats., which authorizes a governmental body, upon motion duly made and carried, to convene in closed session for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility*

*Immediately upon completion of the closed session, the Board of Police and Fire Commission will reconvene in open session at said time and place to consider any other matters on the agenda.*

*On a motion made and seconded, the meeting convened into closed session at 7:02 pm.*

## H. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.



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