

**Amberley Village Council --Police and Fire Committee
Meeting Minutes
August 25, 2015**

Present: Peg Conway (chair), Rich Bardach (committee), Ed Hattenbach (committee), Chief Wallace, Scot Lahrmer, Tom Muething, Stacy Lefton

Approval of prior minutes

The minutes from the meeting of June 1 were approved as submitted.

Department Update

- Staffing model: Looking ahead to continuing the restructuring of the department begun several years ago, Chief anticipates creating a crime scene unit to process scenes to allow the detective to focus on interviews, to spread responsibilities out so that functions are not dependent on one individual.
- K-9 position: Further work has been done internally toward implementing this plan, including creation of procedures and securing additional funding. Chief anticipates that Officer Alt will begin training in January or February.
- Hiring process: They will be starting a new process to fill an anticipated vacancy. It did not work out to use the previous list of applicants. Overtime was high in July and August due to the two recent hires being in training. They will be on their own by early September.
- Car break-ins: Attention to a recent spate of car break-ins also contributes to overtime. They have been using extra patrols, including on the bike and on foot. Chief noted that other municipalities (ie Wyoming, Indian Hill) and thought this is new to Amberley, it's a common crime, connected to the heroin epidemic. The Chief appeared on the sheriff's radio show on 55WKRC recently and included remarks about preventing car break-ins (ie keeping valuables out of sight).
- JV Security: Chief will be meeting soon with Jim VanOrsdall, company owner, to discuss new developments. Coursen wants to buy out JV, which would necessitate a new activation fee and possibly higher monthly rate for residents. The department is considering multiple options for moving forward with alarm monitoring.
- JCC Award: The Mayerson JCC has chosen the Amberley Police and Fire Department as their Partner of the Year, in recognition of exemplary work over several years. The award will be presented at the JCC annual meeting on September 17 at 7:00 pm. The Chief has invited the whole department to attend and be recognized.
- Misc.: The new Tahoes are in and working out very well. Mayor's court is going well with the magistrate system.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.