

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Town Clerk's Office

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Public Safety Committee meeting was called to order on Monday, September 9, 2019, at 2:00 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers. On roll call, Chairwoman Zeidman and Committee Member Araskog were present.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairwoman Zeidman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved, as presented.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS - None

V. FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Darrel Donatto, Fire Rescue Chief

- Hurricane Dorian
 - Emergency Management Overview
 - Condominium Association Emergency Powers under 718.1265 F.S.
- In Home CPR Training Program
- Retirements and Promotions

Fire Rescue Chief, Darrel Donatto, provided an overview of the emergency management procedures and timelines followed in preparation for Hurricane Dorian. He spoke regarding the progression of the storm starting with the first advisory from the National Hurricane Center on August 24th to the last advisory on September 3rd. He advised that Town staff followed the Storm Emergency Response Plan (SERP) and that checkpoints were established to limit movement onto the island.

Chief Donatto spoke regarding the Condominium Association Emergency Powers under 718.1265 F.S., which governs actions condominiums may take whenever an emergency is declared. He mentioned the main concern being disabling of required emergency life safety systems, including generators, in advance of a storm.

Chief Donatto provided an overview of the in-home CPR training program. He mentioned that the Fire Rescue Department has been working with the Palm Beach Civic Association and resident, Diane Barrett in developing this in-home program.

He announced the retirements of Battalion Chief David Burke, Division Chief Keith Golden, Lieutenant Mark Bradshaw and Lieutenant Richard Ward; and the promotions of Stephen Montoya and Angel Sronce to Lieutenant.

VI. POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Nicholas Caristo, Chief of Police

- Hurricane Dorian
 - Hurricane Re-Entry Message Signs for Fast Pass
- Auto Thefts/Auto Burglaries
- Burglary Strike Force Unit (BSF)
- Bike Trail
- Gun Legislation
- Police Drone
- 2020 Purchase of Hybrid Police Vehicles
- Part-Time Officers and Dispatchers
- VirTra Simulator Update
- Promotions and Retirements
- Goals for 2019-20: Increased Community Policing: Bicycles, ATVs Beach Patrol, Foot Patrol; Citizens' Academy

Police Chief Nicholas Caristo provided an overview of the evacuation procedures during an emergency. He also spoke regarding use of department resources and the re-entry process after the hurricane. Chief Caristo spoke regarding abandoned vessels that washed up on different areas of the beaches and the intracoastal waterway. He explained the use of the new re-entry message boards and the "sandwich" boards which are used to aid in the re-entry process.

In response to a question from Committee Member Araskog, he provided an overview of the mandatory evacuation process.

Chief Caristo provided a report on the various auto burglary and auto theft incidents in Town, including the three (3) auto burglary incidents involving 13 vehicles at the Town Docks. He mentioned that most of these incidents were carried out by an organized group. He informed the committee that a multi-agency task force has been formed in the County which includes a detective from each agency including the Town. He also stated that a Burglary Strike Force (BSF) unit has been formed within the department. He provided an overview of the activities of the BSF unit leading to arrests of several criminals, including juveniles.

He provided updates on the one-way lane closure on the 100 block of Sunset Avenue; bicycle and pedestrian safety measures on the Lake Trail; the draft legislation regarding open carry in Florida; officers being trained to use the Police drone; purchase of hybrid

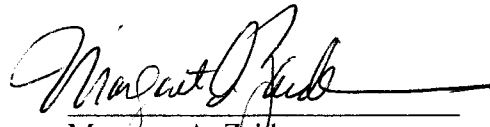
police vehicles; the use of part-time police personnel and dispatchers to aid the department during presidential visits to alleviate the need for overtime payments; the VirTra Simulator; department promotions (Craig Newby) and retirements (Sgt. Scott Duquette); the 2019-2020 goals for increased community policing using bicycles, ATVs for beach patrol, foot patrols; Community forums and re-starting the Citizens' Academy.

VII. ANY OTHER MATTERS – None

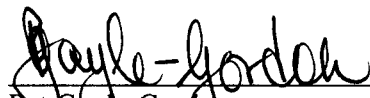
VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Public Safety Committee meeting of Monday, September 9, 2019, was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

APPROVED


Margaret A. Zeidman
Chair

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Deputy Town Clerk

ATTEST:


Kathleen Dominguez, CMC
Town Clerk

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Date

