

GRIFFITH SAFETY BOARD

February 23, 2017

The Griffith Safety Board was called to order by Liz Goral at 7:00 p.m.

Those in Attendance

Liz Goral	Griffith Safety Board Member
Debbie Dillon	Griffith Safety Board Vice-Chairman
RoAnn Purgert	Griffith Safety Board Secretary
Stan Dobosz	Griffith Safety Board Member
Shawn Graham	Griffith Safety Board Member

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance. The following items were discussed:

Welcomed two new members – Stan Dobosz and Shawn Graham

Nomination for Chairman – A motion by RoAnn Purgert, seconded by Debbie Dillon, for Liz Goral to serve as Chairman for 2017. No comments or discussions. Motion carried 5-0.

Nomination for Vice-Chairman - A motion by RoAnn Purgert, seconded by Debbie Dillon, for Shawn Graham to serve as Vice-Chairman for 2017. No comments or discussions. Motion carried 5-0.

Nomination for Secretary –Debbie Dillon nominated RoAnn Purgert to serve as Secretary. No comments or discussions. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of December 8, 2016 minutes: Motion by Safety Board member Purgert
2nd by Safety Board member Dillon
Motion carried 5-0

Reports: Griffith Police Department

Chief Greg Mance read the monthly report for December & January.

December 2016 numbers reflect the lowest overall reported crime for any month in the past six years and most likely the lowest in 30 years of modern record keeping. Compared to previous years, crime was down 64% this past December.

For the year, 2016, overall crime fell by 13%, property crimes fell from 458 incidents reported in 2015 to 385 reported in 2016. Violent crime, which is categorized as rape, robbery, violent assaults, increased to 22 incidents from 16 the previous year. We saw an increase in robberies. Compared to last year calls for service increased by 10%. Adult arrests were up 18%, OWI arrests were up 19%, traffic stops were up 19%, and citations were up 24%.

For January 2017 crime fell by 25% as compared to January 2016 and compared to the past five January's crime fell by 37%. Comparing 2016 to 2017 for the month of January we responded to 4.5% fewer calls but we made 61.7% more traffic stops, 43% more citations, 57% more arrests, 150% more OWI arrests. We responded to 11% fewer accidents and had 71% fewer personal injury accidents.

Griffith Fire Department

Chief Schoon read the January monthly report.

VEST

Chief Mance reported that a new vehicle has been purchased for Chief Czerwinski as well as a truck that was previously code enforcement has been moved for use by VEST.

FOP Post 161

Nothing

New Business

Approval of the Griffith Opiate Overdose Prevention Program, or G.O.O.P.P.

Motion by RoAnn Purgert, 2nd by Debbie Dillon. Motion carried 5-0.

Donation of Narcan Nasal Spray by Quik Scripts Pharmacy of Griffith owner, Dave Davila gave a brief presentation.

Chief Mance reported that we are looking to partner with the group P.A.A. R.I – Police Assisted Addiction & Recovery Initiative – which train officers in how to give someone in the addiction phase resources to get out of it through referrals to certain treatment programs. They can be fast tracked and we can make a referral for them to be placed in-house immediately.

Implementation of the Griffith PD Heroin Overdose Response Team, or H.O.R.T.

Exploration of a substance abuse education and outreach partnership between the Griffith PD and Griffith School Board

Approval of the vehicle purchase of four new 2017 Ford, AWD, Utility Police Interceptor
Motion by Shawn Graham, seconded by Debbie Dillon. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of the promotion of Probationary Officer Leslie Malerich to Patrol Officer 3rd
Class

Motion by Debbie Dillon, seconded by Liz Goral, motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Griffith Police Department Citizen's Police Academy
Motion by Stan Dobosz, seconded by Shawn Graham, motion carried 5-0.

Update on the Griffith Animal Control building – Chief Mance reported that animals have been transferred to the new shelter and equipment is being reorganized.

Announcements

Chairman Goral reported that the Safety Board meeting will be moving to the first Thursday of the month starting with the March meeting.

No Questions/comments from the floor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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