

## **GRIFFITH SAFETY BOARD**

February 11, 2016

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

### **Those in Attendance**

John Volkmann	Griffith Safety Board Chairperson
Gary Sutton	Griffith Safety Board Vice-Chairman
RoAnn Purgert	Griffith Safety Board Secretary
Liz Goral	Griffith Safety Board Member
Debbie Dillon	Griffith Safety Board Member
Greg Mance	Police Chief
Roy Schoon	Fire Department

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

A moment of silence for Slim Alger, retired Fire Department Deputy Chief, who passed away this past week.

Approval of January 14, 2016 minutes: Motion by Safety Board Secretary Purgert  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Safety Board Member Goral  
Motion carried 5-0.

Reports: Griffith Police Department

Chief Mance read the monthly report for January.

Crime was down five percent for January 2016 compared to January 2015 and down 16 percent over the past 4 years.

Griffith Fire Department

Chief Schoon read the January monthly report.

VEST

No monthly reports for January

FOP Post 161

Nothing to report

**No Old Business**

**New Business**

Treasured Friends Animal Rescue presentation by Liz Canty

Approval of proposed squad car purchase

A motion by Safety Board Member Vice-Chairman Gary Sutton, seconded by Safety Board Member Goral, to forward to the Town Council for approval the purchase of three new Ford utility vehicles at a cost of \$25,857.96 each and along with that, the purchase of two Dodge Chargers at the cost of \$24,153. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

#### Plaque Presentation – Stan Dobosz

Mr. Dobosz served nine terms of service on the Town Council dating back to 1976. Mr. Dobosz served approximately half of those years as the Police Department liaison to the Town Council as well as serving on the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy Board from 1985 to 1993. For his loyal and dedicated service to the men and women of the Griffith Police Department he was presented with a plaque of appreciation by Chief Mance.

#### Perfect Attendance

Sandi Litke  
Curt Burrow  
John Mowery  
Jim Sibley  
Todd Dawes  
Robert Gutierrez  
Peter Ghrist  
Jacob Schoon  
Albert Tharp  
Kevin Strbjak  
Dalibor Lazic  
Keith Hojnicky  
Michael Abel  
Anthony Sekula

#### Officer Commendation & Outstanding Citizen Award

Officer Jeff Beck  
Officer Keith Hojnicky  
Crystal Brown

On July 10, 2015 a smoke alarm was reported by Crystal Brown at 1435 N Arbogast. Upon arrival Officers Beck & Hojnicky were confronted with thick smoke emitting from an apartment. After getting no response at the door they forced entry and located a sleeping female occupant. Officers were able to awaken and remove the occupant from the smoke filled apartment.

#### Officer Achievement

Corporal Robert Gutierrez & Gino  
Detective Jacob Schoon  
Officer Tony Hemphill

November 12, 2015 in the 1500 block of Arbogast the odor of marijuana was detected. It was determined to be emanating from apartment 2H. Officers made contact with five occupants and upon securing a search warrant marijuana, four firearms, as well as other items suggesting illegal activity were located that prompted an even larger investigation.

#### Officer Achievement

Officer Albert Tharp  
Officer Dalibor Lazic  
Medic Allison Sparacino  
Medic Zachary Schaeffer

June 21, 2015 Officer Lazic was summoned to the 900 block of River Road after a three year old boy had been located wearing nothing but a t-shirt and a soiled diaper. Upon arrival it was

determined that the toddler did not speak and no one had come forward to identify the child or report him missing. Officer Tharp and medics arrived shortly thereafter and all looked for the toddler's guardian to no avail. The child was brought to the PD where Medic Sparacino comforted the child and Medic Schaefer went to Walgreens and purchase diapers and snacks. The child's guardian was eventually located.

#### Officer Achievement

Sergeant Curt Burrow

Animal Warden Sandi Litke

#### Citizen Appreciation

Barbara Dixon

Brenda Williamson

Deahn Hicks-Smith

Ayman Azar

Joseph Martinez

Bryce Graham – Pinewood Derby police car

#### **No announcements**

#### **Questions/comments from the floor.**

None

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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