

GRIFFITH SAFETY BOARD

May 8, 2014

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

Those in Attendance

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| Liz Goral | Griffith Safety Board Chairman |
| RoAnn Purgert | Griffith Safety Board Secretary |
| Gary Sutton | Griffith Safety Board Member |
| Jim Marker | Griffith Safety Board Member |
| John Volkmann | Griffith Safety Board Vice-Chairman |
| Glen Gaby | Town Council |
| Greg Mance | Police Chief |
| Roy Schoon | Fire Department |

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

Approval of April 10, 2014 minutes: Motion by Safety Board member Sutton
2nd by Safety Board Vice-Chairman Volkmann
Motion passed 4-0.

Reports: Griffith Police Department

Chief Mance read the monthly report for April.

Compared to 2013 overall crime for April is down 13%. When compared to the prior four years overall crime for April is down 5%. For 2014 assaults dropped 29%, burglaries dropped 13% and thefts dropped 18%. Auto theft increased by 34% which is a 6% increase over the past four years.

Crime watch will be July 15th at 10:30 a.m. and July 17th at 6:30 p.m. We also have a Crime Watch and redevelopment with the Mansards with no meeting date set yet. Community wide Crime Watch is hosted by Corporal Morris with crime tips and crime data, Debbie Fizer with fraud related topics and Rob Bubala has assisted with some training. The public is encouraged to attend a meeting. If you cannot attend a meeting, we have two volunteers, Bruce and Mary, who complete a weekly crime report to inform the public.

Along with our cooperation with IUN we now have our crime mapping available on the police department Facebook page with an interactive map. As we progress with this it may turn into a weekly report.

We have received some thank you letters from Chief Hojnicky of Highland for Officer Strbjak's and Police Explorer Joe Osiecki's assistance with an underage party in Highland, Joe McNeil family for Officer Tharp's kindness in a time of loss, and a thank you from Sandra Howard for Officer Borgetti's work leading to the location of a missing family member. Also, Patrick Murray of the Northwest Indiana Law Enforcement Academy sent a letter thanking Lt. Gang assistance with teaching a FATS and Firearms class.

Safety Board Member Marker thanked Chief Mance for posting on Facebook a reminder to not park across sidewalks.

Griffith Fire Department

Chief Schoon read the April monthly report.

VEST

Thank you to VEST for all of their help securing the murder scene in April as well as the usual help with funeral processions. VEST will be helping out during the weekly Friday market in central park. And the new uniforms are being implemented.

FOP Post 161

Nothing at this time.

Old Business

Modification of PD SOP promotion policy regarding seniority – still under review pending legal counsel

New Business

Fire Department members Marty Michaels, Matt Jabkowski and Dan Michaels were sworn in

Announcements

Fire Department Boot Drive – Saturday, May 10 – 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. with the proceeds to benefit Hoosier Burn Camp.

Questions/comments from the floor.

Nothing at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

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