

GRIFFITH SAFETY BOARD

December 6, 2018

The Griffith Safety Board was called to order by Liz Goral at 6:30

Those in Attendance

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

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

Approval of November 1, 2018 minutes: Motion by Safety Board member Stan Dobosz
Seconded by Safety Board member Shawn Graham
Motion Carried 4-0

Reports: Griffith Police Department

Chief Mance read the monthly report for August and October 2018

Reported Crime for October 2018 fell 34% from the previous October. In comparison to the five previous months overall reported crime was down 39%. Crime year to date is down 3% from 2017.

Griffith Fire Department

Deputy Chief Hill read the October 2018 monthly report.

VEST

Chief Mance gave the report for the month of October.
VEST recorded 309 volunteer hours which if Police Officers had to cover this time would total \$10,000.

FOP Post 161

Nothing

New Business

Plaque Presentation – Acorn Fencing

No representative was present to accept the plaque for their work in helping to construct a wheel chair ramp.

Certificate of Appreciation – Double T Towing & Purkey's Towing

Thank you for your continued support of our police department and your generous donations that have allowed us to complete vital, life-saving training.

Certificate of Appreciation – Don McCarter

September 21, 2018, Don McCarter observed a vehicle with a shattered window parked between two garages. Mr. McCarter's instincts and prior training let him to believe someone was purposely trying to conceal the vehicle so he called the police. Officers responded and learned the vehicle was linked to an armed home invasion in Gary, Indiana and the owner had an active Level 2 felony warrant for robbery. Officers were setting up a perimeter around the nearby house and when two subjects attempted to leave and were taken into custody. One man was identified as the wanted vehicle owner and the second was also wanted on a Level 2 felony warrant for robbery. Both were taken to jail and held for Gary PD detectives.

Certificate of Commendation – Kelli Strbjak, Kevin Strbjak, Robert Gutiérrez, Tony Hemphill, and Paul Sines (not present)

For outstanding team work and investigatory skills that resulted in the capture of three armed carjackers wanted out of Chicago, two with previous murder charges, a recovered stolen vehicle, and a recovered, loaded handgun

Old Business

Nothing

Announcements

Northwest Regional SWAT Team Benefit will be held Friday, December 7 at Halls of St. George from 5:00 p.m. to midnight.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the St Jude No Shave November fundraiser. The estimated donations are \$11,000 at this time.

Questions/comments from the floor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

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