

GRIFFITH SAFETY BOARD

August 8, 2013

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

Those in Attendance

Jim Marker	Griffith Safety Board Chairman
Liz Goral	Griffith Safety Board Secretary
John Volkmann	Griffith Safety Board Member
RoAnn Purgert	Griffith Safety Board Member
Rick Ryfa	Town Council Liaison
Gregory S. Mance	Chief of Police
Roy Schoon	Fire Department

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

Approval of July 11, 2013 minutes: Motion by Safety Board member Volkmann
2nd by Safety Board member Purgert
Motion carried 3-0.

Reports: Griffith Police Department

Chief Mance read the monthly report for July. Compared to 2012 there has been a 21% reduction in call volume, burglaries were down 50%, thefts down 53% and motor vehicle thefts down 33%. Arrests are up 3% from last year for the month of July.

K9 Unit – Robert Gutierrez was off for 10-12 days in July. Gino & Robert have worked the VRG Grant. Donations are on-going.

Animal Shelter – the current shelter will be torn down this month so the shelter will be moving to a temporary location yet to be determined. Enbridge, the Bezat family and other donations will be helping finance the new shelter.

Griffith Fire Department

Chief Schoon read the July monthly report.

Chief Schoon read a letter of thanks from Schererville for GFD's help with a fire at 205 Joliet St.

Joe Martin, Fire Department Training Committee member, read a report on the changes to their training procedures.

VEST

Lt Gang reported that VEST members have completed Heart Saver Training. Increasing membership and duties will be discussed at future meetings. VEST assisted Highland VIPS with a large motorcycle ride through the area.

FOP Post 161

Nothing

New Business

Awards/Recognitions

Terrance Velligan received a certificate of recognition that was documented in the July minutes.

New Officer swearing in

Swearing in of Officer Richard Merschantz by Secretary Liz Goral.

Swearing in of Officer Dalibor Lazic by Chairman Jim Marker

Swearing in of Officer Bradley Johnson by Commissioner John Volkmann

Rick Ryfa extended a welcome from the Town Council to the newly sworn in officers.

Announcements

Griffith's Safety Extravaganza to be held on September 14, 2013 at Central Park from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Griffith Fire and Police Departments now offer Child Safety Seat inspections.

Questions/comments from the floor.

Nothing

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

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