

**REDMOND CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Council Conference Room  
15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> Street, Redmond, Washington  
Tuesday, March 18, 2014  
4:30 p.m.

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**Council**

Hank Myers, Chair  
John Stilin, Member  
David Carson, Member  
Byron Shutz (*Attending councilmember*)  
Hank Margeson (*Attending councilmember*)

**Staff**

Ron Gibson, Police Chief  
Todd Short, Deputy Fire Chief  
Erik Scairpon, Police Commander  
Michelle Hart, MMC, City Clerk

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**Meeting Summary**

Convened: 4:30 p.m.

Adjourned 5:15 p.m.

Committee Chair Hank Myers opened the meeting, reviewed the agenda items, and noted Council members in attendance.

**Washington Surveying and Ratings Bureau**

Mr. Todd Short, Deputy Fire Chief, stated that the Fire Department was rated by the Washington Surveying and Ratings Bureau in fall 2013. The calculations have been completed and the City maintained Protection Class 3. The grading schedules did change and the criteria are very high and idealistic. Class 3 is a good rating and anticipated in an area like Redmond. The schedule is based on four different areas:

- Water supply: weighted at 35 percent
- Fire Department (operational): weighted at 40 percent
- Emergency communications: weighted at nine percent
- Fire safety control: weighted at 16 percent

The positives noted by the examiner are: automatic mutual aid, closest dispatching, East Metro Training Group (EMTG), good water supply system, and dispatch. The potential areas of improvement are: Fire Fighter certifications, public education programs, company level training, pre-fire planning, and hydrant maintenance records. The bulk of the rating comes from the water supply and the Fire Department operations.

General discussion ensued regarding public education for fire safety; size of a Fire Department compared to ratings; and the value of the ratings to residential and commercial insurance rates.

## **Alternative Jail Solutions: SCORE (South Correctional Entity Multijurisdictional Misdemeanant Jail)**

Police Chief Ron Gibson stated that last month the Snohomish County Jail provided a notice that starting in May 2014 bookings from outside Snohomish County will no longer be allowed in order to control the inmate population. Police Commander Erik Scairpon stated that Redmond currently reserves 15 beds at the Issaquah Jail. The Issaquah Jail cannot handle inmates that have medical or mental health issues; or who are intoxicated or on drugs. A solution for this service is to use the South Correctional Entity Multijurisdictional Misdemeanant Jail (SCORE). SCORE is the same distance from Redmond as the Snohomish County Jail. Staff is recommending reserving seven beds, and the facility has additional capacity as needed.

General discussion ensued regarding location of SCORE; competing for available beds; budget; and this item is on the consent agenda.

## **PSAP Status Update**

Police Chief Ron Gibson provided an update for the Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP's). A vendor was hired for the Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) needs assessment. Commander Scairpon stated that the consultant was on-site from March 11-13, 2014, and met with Police and Information Services staff. A draft needs assessment will be provided on March 31, 2014. During the two-week review process, staff will look for any changes that need to be made. The final report due out from the consultant to the City will be on April 24, 2014. Requirements documentation will be provided in May. In June 2014 a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a CAD system will be issued.

The ongoing PSAP configuration process is continuing. The Technical Committee is answering the question of where are 911's finances for the region is now and where it was in the past. The Committee is going forward with a recommendation to create a strategic planning process. There has not been a long-term strategic plan in place for 911.

## **SMART 911**

Commander Scairpon stated that SMART 911 is up and running. If a resident has a profile in SMART 911, the operators will be able to view that profile and can text with the caller. SMART 911 is not installed in all areas in the region. There is no consensus in the region on if SMART 911 is the best product to use. It can't be evaluated until there is a big push to get residents signed up with profiles.