

Public Safety Education Commission
Germantown Police Department Training Room
May 4, 2021

ROLL CALL & ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

- **Members Present:** John Arth (Chair), Manjit Kaur (Co-Chair), Steve Jung, John Miles, Michael Threlkeld, Katherine Elsenrath, Kathi Wright, John Vaden, Lt Clint Parker (GPD), Lt Mike Rogers (GPD), Clint Starnes (GFD AFM), Lt Ed Cardus (GFD), Scott Sanders (GMA)

CALL TO ORDER:

- Noting that a quorum was present the meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.
- First in person meeting since Covid-19 pandemic began.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- April 6, 2021 minutes were approved by consensus.

POLICE REPORT:

- Lt Mike Rogers (filling in for Lt Clint Parker), Drug Take Back Program on April 24, 2021 took in a total of 271 lbs. Walgreens (65.5 lbs), Kroger (205.5 lbs). Theft from motor vehicles (39) last month, mainly neighborhoods overnite and Cameron Brown Park during park hours. Couple of arrests made by GPD that should help. Indecent exposure suspect arrested on April 12.

FIRE REPORT:

- Clint Starnes (GFD AFM), Lt Ed Cardus
Fire calls down in April verus March 2021. Car fire at The Bridges Apts caused significant damage to building and loss of vehicle. 72 medical related calls. Better hospital turn time for April 2021, down to approximately 45 minutes.

BMA REPORT:

- Scott Sanders (Alderman), BMA approved purchases of new police cars, a new fire truck, ambulance, TV's, radios and drones for GPD. BMA starts in person meetings on Monday May 10, 2021. Two new employees, one in Info Technology and one in storm drainage area. GFD station #4 on Forrest Hill Irene and GPD Training Room have been reserved for remaining PESC meetings of 2021. Children bikes used in Safety City have been authorized by city administration to donate to bike charity. PESC trailer used to store bikes can be used for other events when it becomes empty.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Germantown Watch Program (no update information)
- Germantown Vaccination Volunteers, New hours, volunteers needed (sign up thru volunteer odessey). Vaccination site at Germantown Baptist Church leased thru June 30, 2021.

- Citizens Survey Project, per Kate Elsenrath no significant return on surveys. Suggestion to make it electronic to help make it easier. Highest approval on surveys were for police and fire. Suggest sponsor a cop/fire stop that would show appreciation for officers and firemen. Also possibly sponsoring signs to support Germantown Police / Fire. Per Alderman Sanders the current signs you see that support Germantown Police were funded by private citizens.
- Booth 4th of July (Neighborhood Watch) City sponsored fireworks are on for July 4th. No update regarding brochures or pricing for PESC programs. Kate Elsenrath and Kathi Wright looking into electronic or QR code brochures. John Arth also looking into pricing for brochures.
- Drug Take Back Program, 205.5 lbs collected at Kroger, 65.5 lbs at Walgreens
- Tri-fold Brochures (PESC programs), taken off agenda by chairman.

NEW BUSINESS:

- None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Questions asked about amount of Germantown residents vaccinated for Covid-19. Not sure if this is information that can be obtained but Alderman Sanders and Chairman Arth will discuss with the Mayor and Chief Selberg. Could be affected by HIPPA. Steve Jung asked about if GFD had ability to service homebound residents with vaccines. It is available thru Shelby County Health Dept and City of Memphis.
- Alderman Sanders thanked GFD for their service. May 4 is International Firefighters Day.

ADJOURNMENT:

- Having no further business and by consensus meeting was adjourned at 6:16 pm.
- Next meeting June 4, 2021 at GFD station #4, Forrest Hill Irene Road Training Room.

John M. Vaden

John M. Vaden, Recording Secretary

John Arth, Chairman