

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT
Wednesday, January 14, 2012 8:05 AM – 9:00 AM
Council Chambers, 140 West Pine Street, Missoula, Montana

Members Present: Dave Strohmaier, Cynthia Wolken, Bob Jaffe, Jon Wilkins, Caitlin Cople, Dick Haines, Ed Childers

Members Not Present: Alex Taft, Adam Hertz

Other Present: Mark Muir, Mike Brady

I. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1. Approve minutes from [January 11, 2012](#). Minutes approved unanimously.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. Police Department Update – Ongoing in Committee (Mark Muir)

Mark Muir distributed a [PD overview handout](#) and a [handout with crime statistics and a budget summary](#). Mark provided an overview of departmental priorities for the year. He discussed an increase in partner family member assault. He discussed human trafficking and sexual violence. He discussed the goal of achieving fiscal sustainability within the department. Mark described Federal grant monies that will be used for technological improvements related to communication. He provided an update on the process of replacing the records management and CAD systems. He described the prescription drug disposal box located in the Police Department. He discussed the downtown BID officer. He discussed the Poverello relocation. He discussed budgetary items. He provided a staffing update. Quality of life operations were discussed. He described the Police Responsiveness in Social Matters (PRISM) panel and diversity training. Mark discussed the volunteer program. He described the Women in Law Enforcement Conference. He introduced the new canine dog, Halo. He discussed the K-9 operations. Mark reviewed the crime statistics in the handout that he provided. He discussed crime trends.

Cynthia Wolken asked for clarification regarding incidents versus convictions.

Mark Muir explained the difference between incident, citation, and conviction statistics.

Bob Jaffe asked about the difference between robbery, burglary and larceny. He also inquired if there was a way to produce an analysis of crime trends, given the fact that there are many variables that affect the statistics.

Mark Muir discussed a Federal crime victim survey. He discussed National trends.

Jon Wilkins noted that breath test refusals have increased, and that DUI arrests have also increased. He asked if enforcement of these items had been stepped up.

Mark Muir replied that the Police Department has worked to improve enforcement in these areas. He discussed the implementation of the breath test refusal ordinance.

Dave Strohmaier inquired about the discrepancy between the numbers in the two crime statistic reports.

Mark Muir explained the difference between the date of an incident versus the date that a suspect is arrested or cited. He discussed calls for service and citation numbers. He discussed implementing a new speeding fine schedule. He discussed DUI enforcement. He described telephonic warrants and the new aggravated DUI law. He discussed complaints

against the Police Department and the role of the Police Commission. He also discussed compliments.

Ed Childers asked for clarification regarding sustained complaints,

Mark Muir provided a clarification. Mark provided a [handout](#) with statistics regarding extra jurisdictional activity by the Police Department. He described the upcoming Citizen's Academy. He discussed court scheduling. He provided a [handout](#) with information regarding binge drinking. He discussed an upcoming lease for the relocation of the Drug Task Force. He discussed a proposal to create civilian parks enforcement positions.

Bob Jaffe commended Mark on the handouts that were provided.

Ed Childers asked about the enforcement of the City's texting while driving ban.

Mark Muir provided information. He discussed the difficulty of enforcement.

Dick Haines asked how the texting while driving ban is enforced.

Mark Muir provided details.

IV. REGULAR AGENDA ITEM

V. HELD AND ON-GOING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Fire Department Update – Ongoing in Committee. (Jason Diehl)
2. Health Department Update – Ongoing in Committee. (Ellen Leahy)
3. Eat Smart Coalition information. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Jason Wiener) (Referred to committee: 07/11/11)
4. Consider Discuss revisiting cell phone restrictions. ([memo](#)) – Regular Agenda (Dave Strohmaier) (Referred to committee: 10/17/11)
5. Discuss air quality issues related to railroad operations in and through Missoula. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Dave Strohmaier) (Referred to committee: 10/24/11)

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 AM. Submitted by Gregg Schonbachler.