



KNIGHTDALE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 15, 2014

MINUTES

The Knightdale Public Safety Committee met at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers of Knightdale Town Hall.

Present: Councilman James Roberson, Councilman Mike Chalk

Staff Members Present: Seth Lawless, Town Manager; Tim Guffey, Fire Chief; Lawrence Capps, Police Chief

Other Attendees: None

Councilman Roberson called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

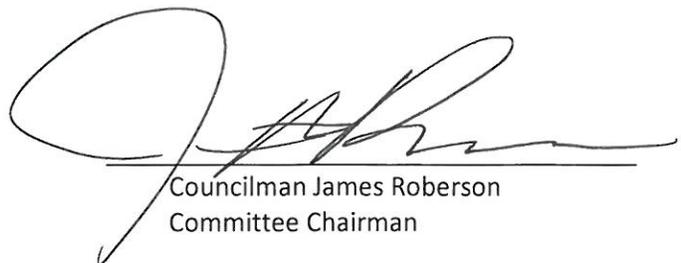
Chief Capps discussed department reorganization. Chief Capps outlined his intent to create an agency with three divisional components instead of two, and a plan for reassigning duties and responsibilities to ensure more efficient police operations.

Chief Capps informed the committee that the police department was currently conducting research and gathering the material it required to apply for COPS and GHSP grants in January 2015. Chief Capps requested the committee members to consider whether or not the entire council may support the acquisition of these grants.

Chief Guffey noted that October was Fire Safety Month, and his department had participated in a number safety education programs. Staff had met with over a 1000 children so far this month. Chief Guffey informed the committee that his department was conducting hydrant checks, and exploring volunteer duty assignments to increase the number of firefighters responding to calls from three to four. Each of these efforts would assist with the department's ISO ratings.

Chief Guffey recognized Firefighter Chris Miller who recently received an award for volunteer work. Chief Guffey informed the committee of a grant opportunity through FEMA to assist with the purchase of newer air packs.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50pm.



Councilman James Roberson
Committee Chairman