



## KNIGHTDALE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

950 Steeple Square Court, Knightdale, North Carolina 27545

**June 2, 2008**

The Knightdale Public Safety Committee met at 6:00 p.m. at the Knightdale Town Hall, 950 Steeple Square Court, Knightdale, NC.

Present: Councilors Jeff Eddins and James Roberson,  
Mayor Russell Killen

Staff Members Present: Seth Lawless, Assistant Town Manager; Ricky  
Pope, Police Chief; Tim Guffey, Fire Chief

### Approval of Minutes

Discussion of revised resolution of separation allowance for retired law enforcement.

Seth Lawless explained that the revised provision would allow for the separation allowance to be reinstated if a retired officer is no longer employed as a sworn officer or receiving a separation allowance from another agency. He also explained that from surveys of other Wake municipalities, six policies are similar or more prohibited that the revision that is being proposed.

Councilor Eddins agreed that the revision was a better policy that what was currently in place.

Mayor Killen agreed with Councilor Eddins, but also thought that the wording of the policy needed some adjustments so future employees would have a clear understanding.

Don Ayscue agreed with the revision and thought it was a fair negotiation.

### Discussion of Public Safety Benchmarks.

Seth Lawless discussed Public Safety Benchmarks and had crime statistics from 2006 that compared our department with other local departments. Also as requested by Councilor Eddins at the last meeting, was statistics from two other Public Safety Departments which showed the police department fell in the middle percentage wise with the clearance rate of crimes and the number of crimes per 1000, but was below average on sworn officers per 1000.

Chief Guffey discussed the target goals of the Fire department which included a sixty second dispatch time, sixty second dress out time, four minute travel time and being on the scene fully equipped in eight minutes. He also advised of times where calls were dispatched and firefighters have entered a structure before adequate help had arrived. This is a violation of OSHA, but Chief Guffey stated their only two options were to watch the fire burn until sufficient staff were on scene and fully equipped or begin to extinguish the fire.

Councilor Eddins suggested hiring more police officers or firefighters in order to meet the benchmark goals.

Councilor Roberson had concerns of safety for the officers and firefighters arriving on scene without adequate staffing.

Discussion of the current ordinance dealing with barking dogs.

Councilor Eddins received a complaint from a citizen where police were dispatched to her house due to her dog barking during the day. Eddins thought that the current nuisance ordinance could be revised to be more specific on what creates a nuisance when officers are dealing with a barking dog. This will be discussed further at the next Public Safety Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

  
Assistant Manager or Admin. Asst.

  
Committee Chairman