

**Simsbury Public Safety Subcommittee
TOWN OF SIMSBURY REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
Monday, January 19, 2017 at 7:00AM
Simsbury Town Offices – Main Meeting Room
933 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, Connecticut**

PRESENT: Selectman Sean Askham,
Simsbury Volunteer Fire Department Chief James Baldis,
Simsbury Volunteer Ambulance Association Executive Director Michael Delehanty,
Simsbury Police Chief Peter Ingvertsen,
Simsbury Police Captain Nick Boulter,
Public Works Director Tom Roy,
Simsbury Fire District President Gary Wilcox,
FVHD Public Health Emergency Specialist Melissa Marquis,
Simsbury Main Street Partnership Executive Director Sarah Nielson, and
State Senator Kevin Witkos.

Chairman Sean Askham called the meeting to order at 7:00AM. All in attendance rose for the Pledge of Allegiance. No comments were made during Public Audience.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NOVEMBER 17, 2016:

As there were requests for modifications to the November 17, 2016 Minutes as presented, they were accepted as prepared.

2. UPDATES AND REPORTS:

A. Ambulance.

Mr. Delehanty reported a modest increase (2%) in call volume in 2016, up to 1,870 calls for the year. He noted that the mutual calls that Simsbury assisted on were up about 33%. Mr. Delehanty reported that the Town's Heart Safe Community status, valid for five years, has been renewed and acknowledged the work of Karen Stewart with that accomplishment.

B. Board of Education.

Mr. Wilcox reported that the Board of Education has developed and completed a comprehensive Emergency Management Package for the district. He praised the work done in this regard, characterizing it as excellent, noting that it is useable and has been submitted to the State of Connecticut.

C. Civil Preparedness.

Beyond the BOE's Emergency Management Package update, no additional update or report was noted.

D. Farmington Valley Health District.

Ms. Marquis reported that progress continues on updating the mass prophylactics plans which she noted as more than 75% done. Once the plans are finalized, Ms. Marquis noted they will be distributed to all of the respective communities. She reminded the Committee that the District was filling vacant sanitarian positions with the last one having been recently filled.

Ms. Marquis reminded the Committee that FVHD had recently received a men's health grant on behalf of veterans, "Resilience Grows Here", and that they had submitted an additional application for funding. She noted that they were accepted and will be receiving an additional \$250K for this year.

E. Fire.

Mr. Baldis reported a quiet and safe holiday season. He acknowledged the efforts of the various agencies in town for the success of Simsbury Celebrates. He noted a couple of successful lifesaver calls had occurred since the last meeting. Mr. Baldis also reported that a replacement rescue pumper has been contracted to service the Tariffville area. He noted that it will be approximately eighteen months before that is delivered.

F. Police.

Chief Ingvertsen reported that the Police Department has just concluded a mock session for accreditation. He noted that the certification ceremony will occur in Providence, Rhode Island this year. The chief also reported that the free paper shredding services, sponsored by Social Services, is scheduled for April 22, 2017. He also reported that the department will begin the Citizens Academy on February 16, 2017. There have five incidents of successful uses of the Narcan drug since January, 2016, according to Chief Ingvertsen. He explained that folks may see police vehicles idling more as the drug needs to remain at a certain temperature at all times.

Captain Boulter reported that the Police Department won the "Best Overall Occupant Protection Safety" award as well as Honorable Mention for "Overall Traffic Safety Enforcement" for the second year in a row based on the size of the municipality.

G. Public Works.

Mr. Roy reported that the Department of Public Works has been working with the Police Department to update speed limits within the Town.

H. Social Services.

None.

I. Other Updates.

Senator Witkos reported that the first legislative session had occurred yesterday and provided brief updates on that.

Discussion occurred regarding the recent visit from Mayor Bronin of the City of Hartford.

MOTION: Mr. Baldis, Mr. Roy second, to adjourn at 7:23AM; unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

**Pamela Colombie
Commission Clerk**