



**Safety Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 21, 2020**

Call to Order:

Chair Leslie Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Leslie Miller, Sue Frey and Rick Vierheller

Amendments to Agenda:

None.

Approval of Minutes:

Sue Frey made a motion to approve the Safety Minutes of November 18, 2019, and the motion was seconded by Chair Leslie Miller. Aye votes all. The minutes were approved as written.

Privilege of the Floor:

None.

Chief's Report

Chief Burson reported that all of the Seville Police Department Officers have served the community professionally and have all returned home safely. Chief Burson shared a video presentation showing statistics for December and the 2019 year. Chief Burson reported there was an incident of an officer falling on the ice and it was a great reminder the dangers of the elements the officers face.

Chief Burson reviewed statistics and showed 3 domestic disputes in December and 18 for the year. The Department had 19 new offenses including 11 M1 misdemeanors in December. The M1s are time consuming and are serious offenses and often include jail time. There were 78 M1 charges for the year. Felonies included 7 for December and 43 for the year. The year ended with 313 new offenses with the most common being disorderly conduct, domestic violence, and assault.

Chief Burson did a 2019 recap on training and explained the importance of growing and keeping their skills sharp. Officers attended training at Autism Society of Greater Akron. This allows for officers to be aware how an autistic person could react which is opposite of what you need them to do. They could react by reaching to touch a badge or run towards you.

Veterans Crisis Intervention and Awareness. Ohio lost 245 veterans to suicide in 2016. Department of Veterans Affairs reports 17 veterans per day lose their life.

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Chief's Report (continued)

A core training is Evidence Technician School. The student learns basic and advanced principles of a crime scene processing and evidence collection.

Child Abduction Response Team started in 2006 and the officers learn how to handle their responsibilities.

The officers continue to work on their shooting skills. The Department works with the surrounding communities and a certified range officer.

The Police and Fire Department had a doctor talk about the variety of mental health subjects that come along with their careers. A thought is the mental health issue could be a character flaw or a result of the experiences.

Chief Burson reviewed the community activities including the yard sale, Halloween, and Shop with a Cop. The department was able to include 6 children from the community for Shop with a Cop. Chief is very grateful for the community's generosity.

Chief Burson complimented the Fire Department, the community, Mayor, and Council for their support. And is proud that everyone acknowledges the importance of the first responders.

Chief Burson said there is a downward trend on overdoses. Medina County had 11 this year and 4 were in December. The drug box collected 40,000 lbs. of medications.

Chief Burson presented information on the unique ongoing Police Memorial in Washington D.C. and introduced Officer Kilgore to speak. Officer Kilgore has been a part of National Police Week Memorial in Washington D.C. for seven years with the Mansfield Department. Officer Kilgore explained the members work together to greet families of the fallen officers at the airport. The police line comes to attention and salutes as the families walk through. Officers carry their luggage and escort them to their bus. The bus is then escorted to the hotel. Officer Kilgore said they can spend as little as 2 hours to 16 hours per day in the airport escorting families. Officer Kilgore shared stories of some of his encounters. Some families will say hello and some will share their family's stories. Officer Kilgore and Officer Houck would like the opportunity to represent Medina County during the National Police Week Memorial in Washington D.C. Medina County has three fallen officers from Lodi, Medina City and the Medina County Sheriff's office. Chief Burson said Medina County has not yet been represented. The FOP #204 would like to sponsor the officers through their fundraising activities. Chief Burson asked permission to allow Officer Kilgore and Officer Houck to attend the National Police Week Memorial in Washington D.C. in May and allow for the officers to use one of the Department's police car and the gas card. The gas expenses would be reimbursed by the FOP. Attached is a donation letter shared by Officer Kilgore.

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Chief's Report (continued)

Chair Miller made a motion to allow Officer Kilgore and Officer Houck to attend the National Police Week Memorial in Washington D.C. in May and allow for the officers to use one of the Department's police car and the gas card and have the gas expenses be reimbursed by the FOP. Mr. Vierheller seconded the motion. Aye votes all.

New Business:

Chair Miller said she learned about #211 information line. You can call 24 hours a day 365 days a year. A person will help you get the information you need based on the zip code you are in.

Pending/Completed Legislation

2019-62 - Ordinance authorizing a contract with the highest and best bidder on the internet for the sale of Village property no longer needed (police cars). Council passed January 13th.

2019-67 - Amending Ordinance 2013-08, as amended establishing an employee handbook to revise the paid personal leave policy. The second reading was January 13th.

2019-68 - Ordinance establishing a Law Enforcement Trust Fund. The second reading was January 13th.

Old Business:

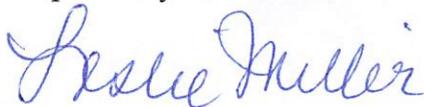
None.

Privilege of the Floor:

None.

Rick Vierheller made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Sue Frey seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Leslie Miller
Safety Committee Chair



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Donald J. Burson
Chief of Police

December 6th, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:



Officers from the Seville Police Department will be attending the annual National Police Week in Washington D.C. May 10-16, 2020. Ptl. Kilgore has participated in this event for the last seven years as a representative from Mansfield Police Department's Honor Guard. We would like to continue this honor to represent Seville Police Department and Medina County. This week, officers from across the United States and internationally arrive to pay tribute to fallen officers and their families. The officers

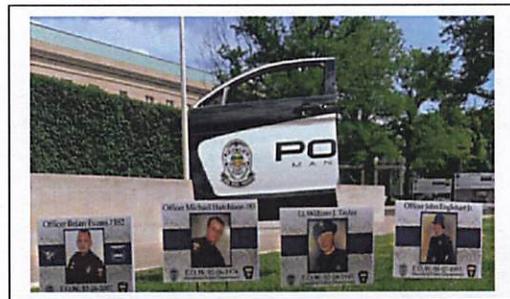
spend long hours on the first two days at the airport, escorting the families of the fallen officers. Officers greet the families as they get off the airplane and carry their luggage. This is a very somber occasion experienced by the families and officers.

The week-long event consists of the arrival of the families, the Police Unity Tour bicycle ride, Candlelight Vigil, National Police Survivors Conference, National Honor Guard Competition and Pipe Band Competition, followed by the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service on Capitol Hill.

Your gracious donation will go directly towards assisting officers in attending this memorial event by helping to cover the cost of lodging. Please make checks payable to

FOP Lodge #204, 3593 Medina Rd., Suite #283, Medina, Ohio 44256

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