



**Safety Committee Minutes
Tuesday, January 22, 2019**

Call to Order:

Chair Leslie Miller called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Chair Leslie Miller, Sue Frey, and Rick Vierheller

Amendments to Agenda:

None.

Approval of Minutes:

Sue Frey made a motion to approve the Safety Meeting Minutes of November 19, 2018, and the motion was seconded by Rick Vierheller. Aye votes all. The minutes were approved as written.

Privilege of the Floor:

Chair Miller announced the Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, April 13th. This will be the 19th year the group will hold the event and the last year. If anyone is interested in taking on the tradition, please contact Leslie Miller or Sue Frey.

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. There have been 149 law enforcement deaths in 2018. Four officers were in Ohio.

Our Auxiliary Officer Don Searle has resigned and official retired from law enforcement. We thank Officer Searle for the expertise he brought us and we wish him well on his next adventure. Ronald Michalec and Chad Meyers are the remaining auxiliary officers.

Chief Burson reviewed statistics for 2018. Officers wrote reports for 378 offenses. 145 of the offenses were felonies. 34% of the reported felonies were serious of the first, second or third degree. Reports included 18 OVIs, 41 incidents, 17 thefts, 38 DUS, 17 disorderly conduct, and 39 drug related. Males outnumbered females by 3:1. Less than one third of the 121 known offenders are from the Seville mailing area. Year-end selected offenses were 5 sex complaints, 2 burglaries, 33 thefts, 676 traffic offenses/crashes, 33 disturbances, 17 domestics, 5 missing persons, 24 alarm responses, 223 suspicious persons, and 129,000 miles driven.

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Chief's Report (continued):

The 2017 BMT Firearms break in update. The officers processed the scene which included taking DNA samples as learned in the Evidence Technician School we send the patrolmen to attend. In 2018, guns taken from BMT started appearing at Cuyahoga County crime scenes. ATF took over the investigation, focusing on juveniles from Cuyahoga County suspected in similar incidents. A court order resulted in a DNA sample being taken from one of the incarcerated juveniles, and was subsequently matched to our DNA result as well as a firearm used in a homicide in Cuyahoga County. The juveniles involved in BMT have been implicated, and are being tried as adults in Cuyahoga County.

In January of 2017 a young woman reported an extensive course of sexual assault involving years of abuse and a step-father. The case continued will into 2018 as the victim continued to make disclosures of new offenses. The case went to trial in December 2018 with 30 counts of rape, 30 guilty verdicts, and 30 life sentences. This work is done by our patrolmen and experienced Sergeant working together to be ALL departments.

Chief Burson said there was a break in at Wayside in December of 2018. The front door was completely shattered and the subject went in and filled a garbage can with cigarettes. Evidence your officers collected proved to be a missing piece to a string of break-ins across the state. SSG. Phillips located similar crimes in Geauga and Lake Counties with the same subject on video. Cuyahoga County had a suspect who had committed similar break-ins. We used video we gathered from a variety of sources in the area to provide Cuyahoga, Lake and Geauga Counties with a unique vehicle description. Officers in the suspect's home jurisdiction were preparing a search warrant, based in part on our vehicle description. Prior to the search warrant, alert officers apprehended the suspect immediately after he committed another break-in, in the vehicle we described. He was found with the clothing observed in our video, the garbage can he used and related accessories. The subject is being prosecuted for our offense in Cuyahoga County as a continuing course of conduct.

Chief said the numbers and stats do not necessarily tell the whole story. Officers continue to work behind the scenes by adopting several youth with disabilities. They come in on their days off to take their assigned cars for maintenance. Participate with Shop with a cop, sponsoring three youths. Provide other services such as opening car doors, vacation watches, and check on open doors. The Department stepped up and got it handled when the Chief and Sergeant took extended leaves. No scheduling complaints when Josh was injured. And we were able to accept a donation of a trailer for the 4 wheeler.

In closing, your officers remain forever grateful for the support that the community and the members of this Council and Committee showed them in 2018. And, I look forward to reporting a productive and positive 2019.

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New Business:

Chief Burson said they talked to two candidates that have applied with us two times before for the new patrolman position open and both have found other employment. Chief Burson is waiting on a response from Mr. Lesiak on the updated package and will get the opening advertised as soon as possible. The applicants will have a \$25 application fee and take a standardized test. The fee will offset the cost of the test. The deadline for receiving applications will be February 22nd. The test will be held March 2nd. By the time the interviewing and background checks are completed we hope to have our new officer working by late April.

Pending/Completed Legislation

Ordinance 2019-09 enters into contract with the Medina County Sheriff's Office for dispatch services. First reading will be February 11, 2019.

Old Business:

None.

Privilege of the Floor:

Mr. Rick Vierheller asked for consideration for getting a sign that tracks speed. Mr. Vierheller wondered if it would help for traffic coming into town on Route 3. The cost was discussed along with other communities that use this type of sign.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rick Vierheller and was seconded by Sue Frey. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Leslie Miller
Safety Committee Chair