

City of Manchester  
Safety Meeting Minutes  
January 4, 2017

**Call the Meeting to Order:**

Alderman Lana Sain called the meeting to order in absence of Chairman Ryan French. Present for the meeting were: Alderman Sain, Alderman Elam, Police Chief Yother, Codes Director Sain, and Fire Chief Chambers.

**Approval of the Minutes:**

Alderman Sain made a motion to approve the Minutes of December 7, 2016; the motion was second and passed.

**Police Department:**

Police Chief Yother stated the department applied for a \$15,000 grant to replace computers in the department as well as tablets; it's not a matching grant. He continued to state that he ordered chairs from Office Depot and there will be machine guns or shot guns ordered for the investigators. He stated the department inquired about a Home Depot grant to replace carpet in the police department but Home Depot didn't have any more available funds for the grants at this time.

He stated that funds were given to them from Carter Sain, Bonnaroo, Walmart gave \$2,500, etc. for Christmas gifts to help those in need. He thanked Alderman Sain for reminding him of Crestwood Manor; the department visited the residents living there giving them teddy bears. It gave the department so much pleasure to see how happy they were to get the bears. He stated that Blue Monarch was given gift cards.

He stated that Operation FBI, which for reasons he couldn't give much information, is similar to operations in other areas for a couple of arrest that would have an impact on Manchester and the department is working on another operation with TBI, which is a small operation.

He stated many concerns about Truckers Inn and the need to work together. He no longer wanted to send his officers in there due to the insect population; even an ambulance director who needed help get someone in an ambulance said the bugs were terrible which included lice. The patient was laying in the floor with bugs crawling all over them. His officers were given special shampoos and soap to clean themselves after being in the motel. He stated the conditions of the Motel is worse than anything he's ever seen. He understood that part of the building is on the right of way. Codes Director Sain stated that a survey was needed to determine boundaries of building but the health department is responsible for insect control. He stated that codes gave them violations on the structure and they did the repairs. All the rooms rented weekly with all motels is considered "apartments" and the health department

doesn't work with insect control for apartments. For the daily renters he works with the health dept. but no spray has kept them insects out. It was stated that Attorney Ewell was contacted about handling the situation and Attorney Ewell stated to file it as a public nuisance; the doors would be padlocked until rooms are brought up to a certain standard. Scottish Inns has 2 rooms that were a meth lab and can't be rented – they owners keep the rooms locked but not cleaning them. Chief Yother inquired about laws to shut them down other than public nuisances. It was concurred by the committee that research needs to be done in order to write an enforcement for owners to clean the properties. Right now Right -of -Way and public nuisance is the only violation of codes that can be used toward the Truckers Inn. Director Sain stated that when the City accepted Truckers Lane – the motel was already in place. The road has a 50 ft., right of way. Codes Director Sain he will research the boundaries. Lana made a motion for a survey of the Truckers Inn property. The motion was second and passed.

Chief Yother then gave his monthly statistical report which included but not limited to 132 people were arrested in December , wrote 208 citations, number of incidents ,CAD, arrests, etc. He gave comparison reports from prior years.

#### **Codes:**

Director Sain stated he had the mid-year meeting with the City's liability insurance representatives who said the City is doing well with only 3 open claims over last 6 months. Hunter Trimble from Mccord came to the interdepartmental safety meeting and gave training on slips, trips, and falls. Those were the issues with the recent claims. He stated the last claim was a firefighter's injury from stepping off truck. Fire Chief Chambers stated the firefighter is back to full duty after being off shift 6 days; it appeared to be a spring. Key Risk Management personnel did a walkthrough of all departments except fire hall and city hall said the house keeping was great for government offices.

#### **Fire Dept.**

Chief Chambers stated that he has one firefighter on sick leave from A Shift and another from C Shift. (One had surgery 22 of December and off until 18th or 20th and her other on sick leave to be back on shift this Saturday.) He stated that fire permits are required all the time for the City and seasonal for the County – this is the season for the County to issue permits. He stated that the firefighters who were in Gatlinburg returned the 2nd of December.

At Christmas the department chose 4 Angels from an Angel Tree and provided for the families. After the deadline for Christmas a woman needed assistance who lived in Lakewood and he with Chief Yother provided for her family.

He pointed from his report that the HAZMAT incident included a 6,000 gallons of mash in the river along with a diesel spill of 50-100 gallons, He then gave the other statistical report of the fire department activity in December.

**Adjournment:**

Alderman Elam made a motion to adjourn. The motion was second and passed.