



CROSSLAKE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

Minutes

March 8, 2023 11:00AM

**Attendees: Heales, Chief Lee, Chief Lohmiller, Kevin Lee, Knapp, Herzog,
Mowers, Karlson**

**Guests: Cindy Myogeto, Kara Schafer, Public Works Dept, CWCSO Mounted
Patrol Rep**

1. Call to Order

Time: 1105

2. **Approve Minutes January 4, 2023**

Motion: Herzog Second: Mowers Approved: All in Favor

3. St. Patrick's Day Parade

a. General Discussion, Cindy Myogeto, Chamber

All set for parade. Many volunteers. New route coming together. May need help at Ostlund Avenue and CR3. Bus will bring parade participants from Log Church to school via bus. Mounted Patrol will be staged at the corner of 3/66 to help keep back parade watchers. This parade generates a lot of revenue for the businesses in the City of Crosslake and boosts their sales for the winter months. Great event.

b. Clover Dash, Kara Schafer, Karma Race Management

Race route all set up with volunteers. 378 racers registered.

May need help at intersection at DG 3/37. Have many groups helping with race and will be cleaned up by 1030 Saturday morning.

c. Public Works, Pat Wehner and Joe Chase

Have been cleaning up parking areas and moving snow. Should be ready for parade.

- d. Police, Fire, and Ambulance discussion, Chief Lee, Chief Lohmiller, Kevin Lee

Chief Lohmiller went through the Emergency Operation Plan, IAP Con Ops and the IAP ICS Forms for the Parade. Both Fire and LE will have mutual aid help from other jurisdictions. Still short staffed and with the longer route it spreads the crews out even more.

EOC/ICP will be at the Fire Station.

- 4. Full Time Fire Chief. At the January City Council Meeting, City Administrator Mike Lyonais requested input from the Public Safety Commission. Group has had two meetings the past few months. The working group has stated that the current fire chief is working a full time position and this should be recognized by the hours he has put in every year. The Increase in call volume also increases the administration duties across the board.

The Commission recommends to the council – They are in support of a Full Time Fire Chief Position in the City of Crosslake, if at all possible, by May 1, 2023.

**Motion: Kevin Lee Second: Mowers All in Favor
Herzog - Abstain**

- 5. IAP, Con Ops, and City Emergency Operations Plan, Chief Lohmiller **(3d)**
- 6. Chief/Department Model Working Group, Chief Lohmiller **(4)**
- 7. Emergency and Assistance calls at Whitefish at the Lakes. Chief Lohmiller and Chief Lee

Discussed the call volume at Whitefish at the Lakes. Many calls but need to look at the facility as an apartment complex. Most calls, patients are being transported. Call volume is up across the country and many dealing with this issue. Billing the facility would cause more problems and would be very time consuming.

Old Business – None

New Business:

- Chief Lee shared a current Officer Call Load/Wages spreadsheet from the departments in the County showing that Crosslake has more calls per officer than any other department in the County. It also shows that Crosslake pay for officer is below the average. Another fact is that Crosslake is the only organization that does not have an administrative assistant.
- Discussion on the role of the Police Chief and what does that look like. Do you want the Chief to be out in public and working with the community and having the time to build community relationships? Currently, there is so much administrative duties it is hard to get out of the office to do that.
- Commission would like to revisit this topic at the May meeting.

Next meeting will be April 5, 2023

Adjourn: 1235