The Public Safety Committee met in regular session on Wednesday, July 11, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Seabrook Fire Station #1, 1850 East Meyer, Seabrook, Texas to discuss and if appropriate, take action on the agenda items listed below.

THOSE PRESENT WERE:

LAURA DAVIS	CHAIRPERSON
RAY COOK	SVFD FIRE CHIEF
ROY HUNTER	CLEMC CHIEF
GARRY MACK	SVFD PRESIDENT
JEFF GALYEAN	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR
DON HOLBROOK	COUNCIL MEMBER
SEAN WRIGHT	POLICE CAPTAIN
PETE BRACCIO	SEABROOK CITIZEN REPRESENTATIVE
RONICA HALL	SEABROOK CITIZEN REPRESENTATIVE
TOM MERCHANT	EL LAGO REPRESENTATIVE
MEREDITH BRANT	ASSISTANT CITY SECRETARY

Chairperson Laura Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Review submitted Public Safety Fund Requests.

Chief Roy Hunter of CLEMC, stated that he is requesting funding for four lifting stair chairs which are ergonomically correct and aid in preventing back injuries. The cost per chair is $2,200.00.

After some discussion as to whether this was an appropriate expenditure for the Public Safety Fund, it was suggested that this item be first considered for the CLEMC budget.

2. Discuss ISO rating process.

Chief Ray Cook stated that the current rating is Class 3, which is a good rating. There are steps that can be taken to attempt to improve the rating to a 2. Chief Cook explained the process involved and stated that the biggest challenges are volunteer retention and achieving twenty hours a month of volunteer training. Currently nine points are needed to achieve a Class 2 rating. As a plan is formulated, he will have more information.

3. Consider establishing an amateur radio operator facility.

Chief Cook stated that the building to house an amateur radio operation would cost $20,000 which might be a good use of remaining bond funds, but he would need to do more research. He stated that communication in times of emergency is vital.

This item will be placed on the August agenda for further discussion.

4. Discuss purchasing options and specifications of the mobile command unit.

Chairperson Davis stated that the committee should determine whether the mobile command unit should be acquired through lease-purchase or outright purchase. She added that a list of pros and cons should be established prior to presenting to Council.

Chief Cook recommended the lease-purchase option, not purchasing outright. Others on the committee concurred.

Chief Cook stated that with due diligence on this matter, he would not be opposed to taking it to Council and making a recommendation for purchase.

It was determined that the chiefs and Mr. Galyean will research, determine specifications and bring back to the committee.

5. Consider aiding C.E.R.T. in obtaining a 501 (c)(3).

Ronica Hall reported that the application had been submitted to the state for establishing C.E.R.T.'s non-profit status. She added that the answer to the application should be known in September. Once that process is complete, application will be made for a 501(c)(3).

6. Update on events affecting public safety since last meeting.

Mr. Galyean stated that Shuttlebration was a success with 30 agencies working together, good public response and no accidents. He commended Seabrook's Marketing Manager LeaAnn Dearman for the excellent job she did as the Public Information Officer for the event.

Chief Cook stated that there had only been one house fire with no injuries.

Captain Sean Wright reported on the Police Department activities. He stated that the major concerns had been about the alligators in the lake, vehicles parked across sidewalks, incidents at New Cabo's.

Chief Hunter stated that a new CO monitor had been added to a truck, NIMS 300 training will take place in Friendswood in August.

El Lago and C.E.R.T. had nothing to report.

7. Review/approve minutes of the Public Safety meeting of May 9, 2012.

Motion was made by Councilor Holbrook and seconded by Mr. Merchant

To approve the minutes as written.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

8. Future meeting dates and agenda items.

The next meeting will be August 8. Agenda items should include all items on this agenda. Mr. Galyean stated that he would like to discuss tabletop exercises and functions at the next meeting.

Upon motion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 8TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2012.

Laura Davis, Chairperson

Meredith Brant, TMRC
Assistant City Secretary