

**HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**OF MAY 13, 2019**

Municipal Council of the City of Vermilion  
Municipal Complex, 685 Decatur Street, Vermilion, Ohio 44089

**In Attendance:**      **Vermilion City Council:**  
*Steve Herron, President of Council; Monica Stark, Council at Large; John Gabriel, Ward One; Frank Loucka, Ward Two; Steve Holovacs, Ward Three; Barb Brady, Ward Four; Brian Holmes, Ward Five*

**Administration:**  
*Jim Forthofer, Mayor; Chris Howard, City Engineer; Tony Valerius, Service Director; Chris Hartung, Police Chief; Chris Stempowski, Fire Chief*

**Call to Order:**      Barb Brady, Chairwoman, RESOLVED THAT this Health & Safety Committee comprised of the committee of the whole does now come to order.

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**TOPIC ONE:**      **Fire Chief's Report**

Chief Stempowski reported the department responded to 21 incidents in the month of April for a total of 67 year to date. He said the department has been doing a lot of trainings in the city lately, including swift water rescue and water shuttling. They also participated in some school bus exhortation techniques. He mentioned the fire department has had a great working relationship with Lifecare Ambulance as they have been doing a phenomenal job responding and working with them. He said they are in the programming phase (final design stage) of the new fire station. B. Brady asked if their new boats were up and running and Chief Stempowski said yes.

**TOPIC TWO:**      **Police Chief's Report**

Chief Hartung reported they are issuing a lot of one-way violations in conjunction with the Vermilion Road construction project. They have issued a total of 45 citations on Vermilion Road since the project started, and 19 speeding citations have been issued on Highbridge Road. He said the drivers have stated they weren't paying attention, but this is how people end up getting hurt. B. Brady asked if this is mostly residents or out of town visitors. Chief Hartung said it's a mix. He also has had a lot of requests for patrolling Ohio and Edson Streets.

He reported the new cruisers have arrived and there are a few items that need tweaked. They forgot to put in their kickout bars in the back seat.

He reported that Third Thursday's are approaching, and they will have an extra officer stationed in the area during these events.

S. Herron conveyed that his sons were involved in an accident recently and thanked the officers for helping the gentleman that was hurt and making the others feel comfortable.

B. Brady adjourned the meeting after no further discussion came before the committee.

*Next Meeting: June 17, 2019 @ 7pm*