

**NORTHERN BERKS REGIONAL POLICE
COMMISSION MEETING
APRIL 8, 2024**

Alternate Steingraber asked about the status of the fleet. **Chief Keiser** said that 1 vehicle is still at the upfitters waiting on parts. He said that there is nothing left in the budget for another new vehicle to be added during 2024, but that the department would like to purchase 1 or 2 new vehicles in 2025.

Alternate Steingraber asked how staffing is. **Chief Keiser** said that Officer Venegas just came off of FTO and we are fully staffed.

Alternate Steingraber asked how the monthly call total of 848 stacks up historically as compared to the past 3 years. **Chief Keiser** said that it doesn't appear to be a drastic increase, but he does not have the numbers in front of him and will research this for the next meeting.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: Heather Hanna of Ontelaunee Township introduced herself as a candidate for the PA House Legislative District 5. She has attended the township meetings and wanted to attend a police commission meeting as she has a lot of respect for police. **Commissioner Franke** said that there is a lack of police/fire/EMS representation in Harrisburg. Ms. Hanna said that police officers are trained to do specific things and the public is now expecting police officers to do things that they are not trained for, which is asking for too much.

Alternate Meck said that he received a phone call from Maiden creek TV & Appliance in regards to illegal dumping that is occurring on their property. **Chief Keiser** stressed the importance of calling these types of complaints in to dispatch so that they can be properly documented and responded to.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ethics Statements - Need to be handed in by the end of April.

NEW BUSINESS:

National Night Out 2024 - new venue - **Alysia Fredericks** said that the event will be held at the Berks County Fair Grounds, located at 1216 Hilltop Road, Leesport. This is a significantly larger event space, which will enable us to continue to grow the event. It also offers multiple covered spaces, which will offer weather protection.

2024 IACP Conference - Boston: **Chief Keiser** prepared a list of expenses for hotel, registration and flights, which equals \$3,500.00. A lot of the hotels had already reached booking capacity for the conference, so the cost of the available hotel is a bit higher than anticipated. This price does not account for meals or transportation while at the conference. **Commissioner Strause** made a motion, seconded by **Alternate Steingraber** for Chief Keiser to attend the 2024 IACP conference in Boston, MA with expenses not to exceed \$4,200.00. All commissioners voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

Out of Service vehicle - **Alternate Steingraber** made a motion, seconded by **Commissioner Strause** to sell an out of service Ford Explorer to Maiden creek Township for \$1. All commissioners voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

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FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER: Nothing

ADJOURN: **Alternate Steingraber** made a motion, seconded by **Commissioner Strause** to adjourn the meeting. All commissioners voted, "Aye". Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 6:26 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alysia Fredericks

NBRPD Administrative Assistant

CC: NBRPD Commission & Alternates
Diane Hollenbach, Maiden creek Township Manager
Kim Berger, Ontelaunee Township Secretary
Sandra Weiser, Leesport Borough Secretary
Chris Gerber, Solicitor