

Neighborhood Safety Commission
Monthly Meeting Nov.17, 2017

Present:

Bob Corn	Trish Steiner
Carlton Stott	Carol Massey
Karen Hallacy	Joel Cope
Carl DeMare	Bud Stumbaugh

Quorum was reached
Steven George is a guest.

Public Safety Report – Captain Thayer presented in lieu of Sam Heaton:

- Region 1 of the GA Dept of Behavioral Health provided info on opium rescue kits
- SafeAmerica will do a summer symposium and fall summit
- BOC approved Fire Station 1 which is a 2016 SPLOST project
 - New building will be different from the old one: size; reduce diesel exposure fumes; separate bunker gear with own ventilation; each person has own sleeping area
- Station 7 at Corner of Hurt; will build a new station
- Acquired land for station 17 near Dallas Highway.
- Slab is poured for Station 18; the old building will be torn down
- Land on which old stations sit is more valuable than the old buildings that still must be maintained
- Paramedic pay is increasing 10%. Most jurisdictions around us offer more like this
- Fire has 74 openings - these are field positions, not administration.
 - Part of this shortfall is from Station 29 yet to be built.
 - Portable retirement is hurting.
 - Younger generation is also not motivated to serve in this field. This is happening across the industry - not just Cobb County. We have about 653 fire officers in the field
- Mention of Pension Board and some of the proposed changes got texted around and many of the proposals would come at expense of employees
- Morale is low
- Mccollum Airport - can begin to handle bigger planes.
- Need to step up fire fight capacity in light of that.
- Trying to meet FAA Part B standards by ordering the bigger trucks.
- Talk of buying crash truck from Paulding County

Committee Reports:

Community Awareness Panel:

- Talk of crimes against property and persons. Good panel
- Neighborhood watch. Bob Corn reported. Says it is archaic. Talked of use of Next Door and its use in the social media.

Need to figure out how to build social collaboration.

Met with Demetrius on Swift 911

Bob said we need to form a task force

Minutes from the October 2017 meeting were approved.

Adjourned