

**LEWISVILLE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 2, 2021**

Digitally Originating in Council Chambers – Town Hall 1<sup>st</sup> Floor – 6510 Shallowford Road

**I. Call to Order**

- a. Chair Harlan Cobert opened the meeting being streamed electronically at 5:34 PM. In attendance were Harlan Cobert, Chris Cobert, Dale Harriman, Warren McMahan, Ronald Morris, Sergeant PJ Stringer, Lewisville Fire Chief Darin Needham and Vienna Fire Chief Tim Lasley.

- II. Agenda Approval** – Dale Harriman moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Chris Cobert and approved with a roll call vote of ayes from Chair Cobert and members Cobert, Harriman, McMahan and Morris. Motion passed unanimously.

**III. Minutes Approval** – None

**IV. Public Safety Reports**

- a. Forsyth County Sheriff's Office – Sergeant Stringer gave the September 2021 call update and stated the school traffic patterns have worked themselves out. Sergeant Stringer shared the busiest time for the officers is 10 AM to 12 PM. Zone cars assist Town deputies and zone response can vary during shift changes, vacation, etc.
- b. Lewisville Fire Department – Chief Needham shared EMS response has improved slightly. The water rescue trailer is being up fitted and is operational. The old brush truck was sold and will help fund the replacement pickup truck. The skid unit purchased with the NC Forestry grant will be placed on the new truck. One engine is out of service but is not affecting response.
- c. Vienna Fire Department – Chief Lasley shared the EMS response in their district has improved as well. His department is at full staff with two new cadets and two new applicants.

**V. Guests** – None

**VI. Old Business**

- a. PSAC 2021-2022 Goals
  - i. HOA Subcommittee shared they are developing a 3-step plan: 1) compile community emergency response information to share with HOAs in presentation format and cards that can be mailed/emailed; 2) determine active HOAs, their presidents, and how they communicate with members; and, 3) communicate with citizens utilizing Channel 6, social media, newsletter, reverse 911, information displays, events, etc. Draft plan to be presented to committee by November 22 to be discussed December 7. Chair Cobert stressed that presence at events would require rotating committee member attendance.
  - ii. Chair Cobert suggested determining interest for community AED, CPR and/or first aid training. It was noted Lewisville Fire Department will soon reinstate quarterly, community CPR classes.
- b. Emergency Operations Plan – Forsyth County is still formalizing their plan. Once completed, the committee will update Town plan and present to Council for approval. A tabletop and actual exercise will be developed for Council.
- c. Community Policing – Chair Cobert shared his concerns about longevity of Town deputies and reliance on zone cars when a single deputy on duty is unavailable. For full coverage 24/7, two more deputies are needed. After much discussion, a Community Policing Subcommittee consisting of Dale Harriman and Ronald Morris was created to work with Sergeant Stringer on gathering stats and developing a recommendation for Council to review at their retreat.

**VII. New Business** – None

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VIII. **For the Good of the Order** - Next schedule meeting is December 7, 2021.

IX. **Adjournment** – Chris Cobert moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 PM. The motion was seconded by Dale Harriman and approved with a roll call vote of ayes from Chair Cobert and members Cobert, Harriman, McMahan and Morris. Motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST:

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Harlan Cobert, Chair

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Dora K. Moore, Town Clerk