

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 10 2016

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Members Present: Tracy Richardson, Alan Seymour and Deb Groat

Others Present: Chief Golden, Terry Emery, Will Channel, Justin Navhi

Approval of Minutes: The minutes for August 8, 2016 were approved as submitted.

Agenda:

Comments from Citizens:

Discuss Halloween Safety Tips: Mrs. Richardson said with the population growth in our community, we can expect to see more trick or treaters. She then asked Chief Golden with trick or treat coming up in a couple weeks, if he had any safety tips. Chief Golden stated "Stranger Danger" is the biggest rule for children during Halloween. Chief Golden stated that the Marysville Police Department encourages safety and supervision for the annual trick or treat season.

Chief Golden gave the following safety tips:

Children:

- Never go into a stranger's house or apartment
- Do not approach strangers in cars who are passing out treats
- Always Trick or Treat with a parent or adult. Try to show your parent what you receive at each house.
- Do not eat any candy until you return home and a parent or adult inspects the treats.
- Be especially careful while crossing streets by looking both ways before crossing.
- Walk do not run! This will help prevent injuries.
- Carry a flashlight or glow stick.

Adults:

- Carry a flashlight while you accompany your children so they will be able to see you and so you can check the treats they receive.
- Have your trick or treater carry a flash light or glow stick so they are visible.
- Check the local sex offender registry for registered sex offenders in your area. Avoid those residences.
- Tell your children never to get into the car of a stranger or approach cars that may be passing out candy.

- Be aware of the routes your children will be taking if you are not able to accompany them.
- Each group of children should have a cellphone so you can check on them periodically or for emergencies (have them call 911 in an emergency).
- Ensure costumes are safe, and fire proof or fire retardant.
- Set a time for children to be home.

Motorists:

- Do not use a cellphone or other electronic device while operating your vehicle.
- Pay attention to crosswalks, and especially for children who may be running across the street between intersections.
- Drive below the posted speed limit in residential areas during the house of trick or treating.
- Do not pass vehicles that are stopped on the side of the road, turn on your hazard lights and drop off your passengers in a safe area.
- Remember: some children may be preoccupied with the event and not mindful of their safety. Scan the area as you drive for unexpected movements of children.

Mrs. Richardson asked Chief Golden about the recent trend of threatening clowns and if there was cause for concern. He said that the Police Department is very aware of the issue and there have been no legitimate cases in Marysville.

Mr. Seymour asked if they were going to put up signs at the entrances of the City to alert drivers to the trick or treat as has been done in years past. Mr. Emery said he would look into seeing if the signs were available. Chief Golden added that there will be plenty of Police Officers patrolling the areas.

Discuss Drug Awareness: The committee talked about drug awareness. Parents are the best advocates for drug awareness for their children. During the conversation, it was encouraged that everyone attend Protecting Dreamland, a nationally recognized journalist and author Sam Quinones will be at the Marysville High School auditorium this Wednesday, October 12 to speak to Union County residents about the heroin epidemic we are facing, how to support recovery and how to protect our community. The Resource Fair & Book Signing 5:30-6:30 p.m. and the presentation: 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment: Mrs. Richardson adjourned the meeting at 5:25pm.