

Summary of City Safety Committee Meeting  
June 1, 2011

**Attendees**

Bobby Hirter (Public Works Maintenance)  
Jim Petrosky (Utilities)  
Lee Lyons (Police Admin.)  
Paul Freeman (Police FOP)  
Ron Perisho (Police S&L)  
Steve Kona (Fire)  
Alan Bullock (ASD)

**Employee injuries - recent history**

Since the last City Safety Committee meeting (March 2, 2011), the city experienced a total of nine employee injuries reported, none of which was considered a 'lost time' WC claim (i.e. where the injured worker lost more than 7 calendar days due to the injury). This employee injury rate was not unusual for the city for this time period. These incidents were reviewed by committee members post-occurrence and again collectively at the meeting. The injuries comprised three lifting-related injuries, two horseplay-related injuries (at-fault employees were disciplined as necessary), two stepping/climbing injuries, one injury sustained by a police officer while struggling with a detainee and one injury sustained by a Firemedic while exercising. The committee had one recommendation for prevention of such future occurrences beyond those already made by employees' supervisors. The committee also had a non-safety-related question about the rationale for the provision of a particular city service. I will follow up on those matters under separate cover.

**City vehicle incidents - recent history**

In the same time period referenced for employee injuries above, the city experienced a total of five city vehicle-related incidents and two claims against the city for damage allegedly done by city vehicles that were investigated and denied. The number of incidents was below average for the time period. There were no injuries. However, our employees were at fault in all five incidents. All were predictable and have been the subject of driver training - two were backing incidents, one involved following another vehicle too closely and one was due to lack of awareness of surroundings. It is hoped that continued driver training and education will go toward stemming future losses.

**Next City Safety Committee meeting: September 14, 2011, 2 p.m., Room 106.**