

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON AUGUST 27, 2019**

A City Council/Public Safety Committee meeting was held on August 27, 2019 at 7:00PM.in the City Council office.

Committee Members present: Committee Chairperson Michael McGonagle, Councillor Melinda Barrett and Councillor Mary Ellen Daly O'Brien. Councillor LePage also attended.

Department Head: William Laliberty, Fire Chief and Shawn Regan, Mayor's office.

Attendees: Tim Carroll, Gregg Roberts, Ryan Fairbanks, Corey Willis, Jay Lemieux, Chris Salamene, Christopher Hamel and Allison Corneau.

The following items were discussed:

Document # 79-U – Communication from Councillors Barrett and Jordan requesting to discuss firefighters staffing and other concerns. *HFD union president Tim Carroll lead a discussion regarding staffing concerns in regard to the Haverhill Fire Department. An informational packet was presented to the committee containing plans for future improvement and information on comparable cities and current response times.* Tim explained NFPA standards and walked the committee through call data and the possibility of moving dispatch personal to front line status. The discussion included the concerns of the new high rise buildings and the volume of calls these new buildings will require. A motion was made to send a letter to the Mayor along with all the information provided by Firefighters Local 1011 to advocate for the increase of personnel more in line with NFPA standards.*

Document #89-E – Communication from Councillor Daly O'Brien requesting discussion regarding sidewalk safety during construction projects downtown. *During the discussion Chief Laliberty referenced NFPA 241 as a document that the city uses to enforce safety of public areas during construction. A motion was made to send a letter to Richard McDonald, Bill Pillsbury, John Pettis as well as the Mayor to ask that the protection of walkways during construction could be included in the weekly meetings with the construction superintendents.*

Respectfully submitted,

Michael McGonagle, Chairperson
Public Safety Committee

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*Doc.79-U – Handout from Tim Carroll, Public Safety Committee Packet