

Summary of City Safety Committee Meeting  
July 26, 2017

**Attendees**

Jim Petrosky (Utilities)  
Ricky Simpson (Public Works)  
Frank Giddens (Fire)  
Mike Rose (Police)  
Ken Blaser (Florida Municipal Insurance Trust)  
Alan Bullock (ASD)

**Summary**

The City Safety Committee normally meets quarterly to review employee injuries, auto incidents and related topics, and met on July 26, 2017 following its May 3, 2017 meeting. Attendance was very strong in terms of quality and we had most bases covered with representation from our four big departments: Fire, Police, PW & Utilities. Attendance and participation from Mike Rose was particularly appreciated due to the volume of VPD-related incidents, plus the group enjoyed his witty repartee.

**Employee injuries reported since last meeting (May 3, 2017)**

Since May 3, 2017, the city experienced a total of 14 employee injuries reported, three of which was considered a 'lost time' WC claim (i.e. where the injured worker lost more than seven calendar days due to the injury). This was high in comparison with records for recent years (although it is worth noting that four of the claims from VPD stemmed from a single incident on May 30). Statistically, the average number of injuries per quarter has been as follows:

2012 - 10.25  
2013 - 11.25  
2014 - 9.00  
2015 - 9.50  
2016 - 7.25

These incidents had been circulated to committee members as they were reported and were reviewed at the meeting. Various suggestions and comments were made on some of the claims reviewed. I will follow up with the appropriate parties separately on those. Please see attached for specifics of injuries reviewed (excluding employee names). Other than that, there were no committee recommendations not already covered by supervisors' reporting.

**Auto incidents reported since last meeting (May 3, 2017)**

In the same time period referenced for employee injuries above, the city experienced a total of only one vehicle-related incidents. This was extraordinarily low compared to records for recent years. Recent quarterly averages for auto incidents are as follows:

2012 - 8.00  
2013 - 9.50  
2014 - 7.50  
2015 - 11.75  
2016 - 5.50

The incident had been circulated to committee members as it was reported and was reviewed at the meeting. Please see attached for specifics. I will follow up with Fleet Manager Travis Hout on comments and a suggestion to prevent future occurrences.

**Next City Safety Committee meeting: October 18, 2017, 2 p.m., Room 106.**

Please do not hesitate to contact your supervisor, a committee member or me with any safety questions or concerns.

**WC Claims Since Last Safety Committee Meeting Report (May 3, 2017)**

Claim Type	Date of Loss	Date Reported to RM	Description	Dept	Div	WC Light Duty	WC Loss Time
WC	04/28/2017	05/01/2017	Employee experienced back tightness after stretching and reaching while standing on a ladder to repair a roll-off container. Supervisor recommended employee work from a platform or stage area set up on the forklift. Medical treatment sought on 5/1/17. No significant lost time.	PW	SW	Yes	No
WC	05/08/2017	05/09/2017	Employee received cuts from rocks after entering water during an attempted water rescue for two people in a submerged vehicle. Supervisor indicated employee responded automatically due to sudden event that allowed little planning to prepare for this type of incident. Medical treatment sought. No significant lost time.	PD	N/A	No	No
WC	05/09/2017	05/10/2017	While participating in training involving foot pursuit scenarios, employee fell twice while running. Supervisor indicated no safety precautions were overlooked and had no recommendations as incident occurred during real world training. Medical treatment sought on 5/10. Department was unable to accommodate restrictions. Loss time claim.	PD	N/A	Yes	Yes
WC	05/23/2017	05/24/2017	While participating in training involving foot pursuit scenarios, employee strained right knee and thigh muscle. Supervisor indicated appropriate stretching prior to each vigorous segment of training and had no recommendations as incident occurred during real world training. No medical treatment to date. Filed as record only (in-house).  7/14/17 Update: Sought medical treatment due to continued knee pain and weakness.	PD	N/A	No  Yes	No  No
WC	05/26/2017	06/01/2017	Employee got debris in mouth and eyes while washing vehicle. Supervisor indicated that to the best of his knowledge, employee did not use disposable raincoat, earplugs, eyewear and gloves provided by the city. Employee requested a face shield and it has been purchased. In addition, supervisor will inquire if other employees would prefer a face shield to use while washing vehicles. Medical treatment sought on 6/1/17. Employee returned to work with no restrictions. No significant lost time.	PW	SW	No	No
WC	05/30/2017	05/30/2017	While placing a violent resistive subject in custody, employee sustained injury to right hand/wrist and exposure to possible infectious diseases. Supervisor had no recommendations, as this type of incident is an unavoidable risk of position. Medical treatment sought. No significant lost time.	PD	N/A	Yes	No
WC	05/30/2017	05/30/2017	Employee sustained scrapes and bruises while placing a violent resistive subject in custody, and was exposed to possible infectious diseases. The morning following incident, employee felt pain in left knee. Supervisor had no recommendations, as this type of incident is an unavoidable risk of position. Medical treatment sought. No significant lost time.  7/06/17 Update: Loss Time Claim	PD	N/A	Yes  Yes	No  Yes

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WC	05/30/2017	05/30/2017	(1) Employee sustained scrapes and bruises while placing a violent resistive subject in custody, and was exposed to possible infectious diseases. Supervisor had no recommendations, as this type of incident is an unavoidable risk of position. Medical treatment sought. No significant lost time.	PD	N/A	No	No
WC	05/30/2017	05/30/2017	(2) Employee sustained scrapes and bruises while placing a violent resistive subject in custody, and was exposed to possible infectious diseases. Supervisor had no recommendations, as this type of incident is an unavoidable risk of position. Medical treatment sought. No significant lost time.	PD	NA	No	No
WC	05/30/2017	05/31/2017	While reaching to retrieve material from a locker located near the floor, employee twisted back and felt pain. Supervisor recommended requesting assistance as employee is unable to squat due to an existing injury. No medical treatment to date. Filed as record only (in-house).	PD	N/A	No	No
WC	06/08/2017	06/08/2017	While participating in jet ski training, a wave hit the vessel from the side, throwing employee from the seated position with right foot caught inside the foot well, twisting ankle. Supervisor indicated no safety precautions were overlooked and had no recommendation, as this incident was unavoidable. Medical treatment sought. Loss time claim.	FD	N/A	Yes	Yes
WC	07/05/2017	07/05/2017	While cutting an asbestos pipe when standing in mud, employee felt a pop and pain in lower back after twisting to reach down for a pipe. Supervisor had no recommendations, as incident was unavoidable because employee was unable to move properly while stuck in mud. Medical treatment sought. No significant lost time.	U	FO	Yes	No
WC	07/13/2017	07/13/2017	While employee was attempting to detain a fleeing suspect, the suspect slammed a door shut onto the employee's left hand. Supervisor had no recommendation, as this incident was unavoidable. Medical treatment sought. Employee returned to work with no restrictions. No significant lost time.	PD	N/A	No	No
WC	07/20/2017	07/20/2017	While mowing using a push mower, employee became light headed and dizzy. Medical treatment sought. Supervisor recommended employee drink plenty of fluids and stay hydrated. No significant lost time.	PW	P	No	No

