

## Summary of City Safety Committee Meeting May 3, 2017

### **Attendees**

Jim Petrosky (Utilities)  
Jim Eppley (Airport)  
Ken Blaser (Florida Municipal Insurance Trust)  
Keith Nelson (Ascension)  
Alan Bullock (ASD)

### **Summary**

The City Safety Committee normally meets quarterly to review employee injuries, auto incidents and related topics, and was scheduled to meet on January 18, 2017 following its October 26, 2016 meeting. However, the January 18 meeting was cancelled due to the very small number of incidents reported. The committee met again on May 3, 2017.

### **Employee injuries reported since last meeting (October 26, 2016)**

Since October 26, 2016, the city experienced a total of 13 employee injuries reported, one 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 low in comparison with records for recent years. 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. Please see attached for specifics of injuries reviewed (excluding employee names). Ken Blaser suggested the use of a designated 'safety officer' at public safety training. Upon review with the Police department's training officer, VPD already has this in place. I am following up with VFD as to their protocol. Other than that, there were no committee recommendations not already covered by supervisors' reporting.

### **Auto incidents reported since last meeting (October 26, 2016)**

In the same time period referenced for employee injuries above, the city experienced a total of 13 city vehicle-related incidents. This was 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

These incidents had been circulated to committee members as they were reported and were reviewed at the meeting. Please see attached for specifics. There were no committee recommendations not already covered by supervisors' reporting.

### **Driver training**

On April 25 & 26, 2017, a total of 69 city employees successfully went through annual driver training, delivered by certified VPD driving instructors at the Waymire training facility and the Airport. One of the main areas of focus in that training was backing. It is ironic that even as the last class was underway, we had a backing accident involving someone who did not attend. I am working with Bob Moroni to ascertain the timing of such training for the PW SW division.

**Committee membership**

Ricky Simpson of PW will be joining us on the committee from next time. I will also be reaching out to other departments in an effort to secure more reliable broad-based attendance for future reference.

**Next City Safety Committee meeting: July 26, 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 (October 26, 2016)							
Claim Type	Date of Loss	Date Reported to RM	Description	Dept	Div	WC Light Duty	WC Loss Time
WC	11/26/2016	11/28/2016	Employee hit toe on a wall while searching for suspect at the Holiday Parade. Medical treatment sought on 11/27/16 due to swelling and bruising around big toe. Supervisor had no recommendations as employee was responding to a possible threat. No significant lost time.	PD	N/A	Yes	No
WC	01/04/2017	01/04/2017	While doing an inspection, a man who was pressure cleaning the sidewalk that the employee was walking down turned quickly and hit employee in the hand with the pressure washer wand. Supervisor did not have recommendation as employee did not expect person pressure cleaning to turn abruptly and accident was out of employee's control. Employee was able to return to work without restrictions. No significant lost time.	FD	N/A	No	No
WC	01/13/2017	01/14/2017	Employee felt a "pop" in right arm after turning a valve. Supervisor indicated another employee who was assisting left to obtain a part and recommended always having a second person help in operating the valve. Medical treatment sought on 1/14/17 due to stiffness and pain. Lost time claim.	U	FO	Yes	Yes
WC	02/02/2017	02/02/2017	While chasing after a suspect, employee tripped over a raised parking stop. Supervisor had no recommendations as no policy violations occurred. Medical treatment sought. Employee returned to work with no restrictions. No significant lost time.	PD	N/A	No	No
WC	02/09/2017	02/11/2017	While taking tubes off the vac-truck, employee cut elbow on truck equipment. Supervisor recommended another employee assist when taking the tubes off when out of safe reach. Employee went to the ER on 2/10/17 for medical treatment and reported injury on 2/11/17. Supervisor sent to Gulf Coast Urgent Care for follow up on 2/13/17. No significant lost time.	U	FO	Yes	No
WC	02/15/2017	02/22/2017	Employee complained of chest pain after extrication training. Supervisor had no recommendations. Medical treatment sought. Employee returned to work with no restrictions. No significant lost time.	FD	N/A	No	No
WC	02/21/2017	02/28/2017	While instructing Taser Training, another employee accidentally placed their weight on the employee's left hand. Supervisor had no recommendations as no safety precautions were violated and accident was unavoidable. Did not seek medical treatment. No significant lost time. Filed as record only (in-house).	PD	N/A	No	No
WC	03/03/2017	03/04/2017	While assisting with lifting a scooter into a truck, employee experienced a pop in the right middle back area from the spine to the side. Supervisor had no recommendations as employee was using proper lifting posture and protocols as well as having assistance. No medical treatment to date. Filed as record only (in-house).	PD	N/A	No	No

**WC Claims Since Last Safety Committee Meeting Report (October 26, 2016)**

Claim Type	Date of Loss	Date Reported to RM	Description	Dept	Div	WC Light Duty	WC Loss Time
WC	03/08/2017	03/09/2017	While attempting to place a suspect in custody, employee experienced back pain and discomfort after several alterations with the suspect who physically resisted. Medical treatment sought on 3/10. Supervisor had no recommendations as injury occurred as the result of resistive actions of a suspect evading arrest. Employee returned to work with no restrictions. No significant lost time	PD	N/A	No	No
WC	03/19/2017	03/19/2017	While pulling a fire attack hose to put out a truck fire, employee injured right shoulder. Supervisor had no recommendations, as there was no alternatives but to pull the hose based on engine design and the need to use the hose. No significant lost time.	FD	N/A	Yes	No
WC	04/03/2017	04/03/2017	While using the water truck to water flower baskets, employee hit head on hose reel when walking around the truck. Supervisor indicated it was dark outside and recommended installing exterior lighting on truck. Employee returned to work with no restrictions. No significant lost time.	PW	P	No	No
WC	04/13/2017	04/13/2017	Employee slipped on wet running board on side of vehicle a week ago. Informed supervisor day of incident but did not seek medical treatment at that time. Medical treatment sought on 4/13/17 due to stiffness on left side of neck and shoulder. Supervisor recommended discussion of the safety issue regarding wet running boards with all employees. Employee was able to return to regular duties within restrictions. No significant lost time.	PW	P	No	No
WC	04/15/2017	04/17/2017	Resistive suspect bit employee. Medical treatment sought to rule out possible exposure. Supervisor had no recommendations due to inability to predict human behavior, except the consideration of alternative use of force options available. Employee returned to work with no restrictions. No significant lost time.	PD	N/A	No	No

**Auto Incidents Reported Since Last Safety Committee Meeting (October 26, 2016)**

Claim Type	Date of Loss	Date Reported to RM	Description	Department	Division
Auto	10/10/2016	01/05/2017	While moving the plastic dumpster at Golden Strand, employee rolled the dumpster into the bollard and broke the post. Supervisor indicated this is not a standard bollard and recommended adding a third bollard to the carport pillar. No injuries reported.	PW	SW
Auto	12/22/2016	12/27/2016	Employee backed Unit 478 into another vehicle. Supervisor indicated employee was unfamiliar with location and recommended finding a safer way to collect recycling at this location. Claimant filed claim with her insurance company (Travelers) who is seeking subrogation for repair costs. No injuries reported.	PW	SW
Auto	01/17/2017	02/03/2017	Vehicle turned in front of and hit Unit 472 resulting in a small dent on the passenger side of the cab. Supervisor had no recommendations, as other driver was at-fault. Due to minor damage, city will not file claim. No injuries reported.	PW	SW
Auto	02/03/2017	02/03/2017	Vehicle backed out of driveway and hit Unit 217 that was parked on the side of the roadway on Mossy Creek Drive with emergency flashers resulting in a dent in side rear door. Supervisor had no recommendations, as other driver was at-fault. Filed with other driver's insurance. No injuries reported.	U	Tech Unit
Auto	03/02/2017	03/02/2017	Employee decided to turn around instead of waiting for officers to direct traffic through signal and backed into vehicle that was stopped behind Unit 252. Supervisor recommended waiting for officers directing traffic prior to moving vehicle and have passenger get out and check to confirm no other vehicles or pedestrians are behind vehicle prior to backing. Submitted to insurance. Adjuster directed city to handle claim as repair estimate was below deductible. No reported injuries.	U	FO
Auto	03/03/2017	03/22/2017	While collecting solid waste, employee raised the dumpster up and hit/damaged a guide wire. Supervisor indicated employee failed to look up before dumping and recommended additional training. No reported injuries.	PW	SW
Auto	03/06/2017	03/10/2017	While Unit 483 was turning, dumpster was lifted into the windshield. Supervisor indicated employee did not follow safety procedures to stop and put the container into the body before making the turn. Supervisor recommended going over procedures at the next safety meeting. Filed with insurance. No reported injuries.	PW	SW
Auto	03/20/2017	03/20/2017	While traveling east and approaching intersection on E. Venice Avenue and Pinebrook, employee collided with a car heading north on Pinebrook. Employee indicated visibility was poor but he had the green light. Supervisor recommended discussing incident at next safety meeting. Received subrogation claim from Allstate. Filed with insurance as it is unclear who was at fault. No reported injuries.	PW	REC
Auto	03/20/2017	03/22/2017	While removing Unit 471 currotto can, employee forgot to disconnect the wiring and hoses, breaking connectors and fittings. Supervisor recommended going over procedures again. No reported injuries.	PW	SW
Auto	03/21/2017	04/24/2017	While employee was responding to a traffic crash, employee pulled into parking lot and right side of Unit 56 struck a rock. Supervisor indicated rock was hidden by shrubs and recommended paying more attention to prevent future incidents. No reported injuries.	PD	N/A

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Claim Type	Date of Loss	Date Reported to RM	Description	Department	Division
Auto	03/23/2017	03/24/2017	While employee was backing Unit 84 out of a covered parking area, the passenger side mirror struck a post causing the mirror to break. Supervisor demonstrated a better path to take when backing out of the same parking area. No reported injuries.	PD	N/A
Auto	04/03/2017	04/05/2017	While collecting recycling, employee stopped prior to making a left turn in order to allow bicyclists go by. After the bicyclist cleared the intersection, Unit 461 turned left as another vehicle attempted to pass. The other vehicle sideswiped the front left bumper to city vehicle. Supervisor had no recommendations, as other driver was at-fault. Filed with insurance. No reported injuries.	PW	REC
Auto	04/26/2017	04/27/2017	Employee was backing up Unit 375 at the same time another vehicle was backing up on the opposite side and the two vehicles made contact. Supervisor recommended extra care and checking surroundings prior to backing. No reported injuries.	DEV SVCS	BLDG