

City of High Point

*Municipal Office Building
211 S. Hamilton Street
High Point, NC 27260*



Minutes - Final

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

4:00 PM

3rd Floor Council Chamber

Public Safety Committee

Victor Jones, Chair

Britt Moore

Tyrone Johnson

Chris Williams

Mayor Jay Wagner (Alternate)

Mayor Pro Tem Wesley Hudson (Alternate)

Public Safety Committee - Council Member Jones, Chair

Present 3 - Chair Victor Jones, Council Member Tyrone Johnson, and Christopher Williams

Absent 1 - Council Member Britt Moore

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. The following Committee Members were present:

PRESENTATION OF ITEMS**[2023-184](#)****Fire Department Annual Report for 2022**

Staff will provide an update and presentation regarding the High Point Fire Department Annual Report for 2022.

Attachments: [Memo -2022 Fire Department Annual Review](#)

[Presentation - 2022 Fire Department Annual Review](#)

Fire Chief Tommy Reid, provided the staff report for this item. He stated High Point Fire Department is nationally recognized noting that they are 1 of 117 US Fire Departments that are both Accredited and ISO Class 1 rated. The initial ISO class rating 1 was awarded in 2014 and recertified in 2018 as well as 2021. The initial accreditation was received in 2016 and reaccredited in 2021. The Fire Department maintains a high standard to help and assist the citizens and visitors in High Point. He explained the ISO Class 1 stands for Insurance Services Office which directly affects homeowner and business insurance rates.

He reviewed training requirements and expectations and spoke to recruitment for better diversity. He acknowledged the Command Staff and stated due to population increases High Point Fire Department now receives 16,000 calls a year. He explained the Fire Departments covers fires, medical responses, hazmat, and water operations. High Point has 19 total facilities which includes 14 fire stations.

Chief Reid discussed vacancy issues and how the department is visiting military bases to help recruit those soldiers that are processing out of the military. He stated with the new pay study which will take effect in May, he hopes to have better success regarding recruitment.

He explained the Fire Prevention Division which conducts fire investigations, code enforcement noting success with code enforcement with mailing letters informing business of fee schedules, and also providing a "hot list" which is a list comprised of things the Fire Department will be inspecting.

A discussion ensued regarding the red X program, vacancy issues, and the total number of personnel needed for every shift.

Chairman Jones thanked Chief Reid and all the Fire Fighters for their hard work.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m.