

Vermilion City Council
HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
of March 10, 2025

In Attendance: Vermilion City Council: Steve Herron, Council President; Gary Howell, Council at Large; Pat West, Ward One; Greg Drew, Ward Two; Drew Werley, Ward Three; Jeff Lucas, Ward Four; Gwen Fisher, Certified Municipal Clerk; Melanie Wood, Assistant Clerk of Council. Absent: Brian Holmes, Ward Five

Administration: Jim Forthofer, Mayor; Amy Hendricks, Finance Director; Captain Graham, VPD; Bill Brown, Fire Chief; Tony Valerius, Service Director; Chris Howard, City Engineer

Call to Order: Drew Werley, Vice Chairman, RESOLVED THAT this Health & Safety Committee comprised of the committee of the whole does now come to order.

TOPIC ONE: Fire Chief's Report

Chief Brown presented his report to the Vermilion City Council, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as part of the official record of proceedings.

TOPIC TWO: Police Chief's Report

Captain Graham reported on the Pizza Hut robbery and happily reported they caught the guy. He couldn't express enough how much hard work actually went into this as it involved three different states all working together. There were a lot of man hours involved, but the suspect was found in Knoxville, Tennessee. He said this is the first time the VPD is doing an extradition, and it can be fairly complicated. He said they are proud of the guys that put the effort into this case.

He reported that the department received a call this week notifying them that the six police cars will be done shortly. They picked the radios up this morning, so they will be outfitting the cars, which should be done within the next few weeks.

D. Werley adjourned the meeting after no further discussion came before the committee.

Next Meeting: April 14, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m. located at the Vermilion Municipal Complex, 687 Decatur Street, Vermilion, Ohio.

Transcribed by: Gwen Fisher, Certified Municipal Clerk (March 11, 2025)



City of Vermilion

Fire Chief W.H. Brown

Fire Chief's Report – March 2025

Monthly Incidents

1. 25 calls for service in February.
2. 59 calls for the year, 55% increase from 2024. With 51% of the calls EMS related.

EMS	19
Lift Assist	11
MVA	8
Natural Gas	7
Structure Fire	4
CO Alarm/Incident	4
Alarms	3
Other	3

Personnel

1. Our four new hires are busy already. FF's Mead and Barto are enrolled in the Lorain County Fire Chief's Firefighter 1 program which concludes May 18.
2. FF's Aunspaw and Ransom, who are already certified, have been responding to calls and training, while learning the "Vermilion" way of doing things.

Training

1. FF's Miles, Ramthun, Stark, Dotson and FM Johnston attended classes at the NOVFA training event this past weekend. Classes ranged from pump operations, flashover training and fire inspections.
2. At the end of March, Vermilion will be hosting a "Train the Trainer" course through VFIS. This course will certify members to instruct the Driver's Training Curriculum through VFIS. FM Johnston, FF Stark, Lt. Smith and myself will be taking the sixteen hour class.

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