

City of Montgomery  
Law and Safety Committee of City Council Meeting  
March 4, 2019

**Present**

Brian Riblet, City Manager  
Paul Wright, Fire Chief  
John Crowell, Chief of Police  
Connie Gaylor, Clerk of Council

**Committee Members Present**

Lee Ann Bissmeyer, Chair  
Gerri Harbison  
Ken Suer

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The meeting of the Law and Safety Committee of City Council convened in Council Chambers at 3:30 p.m. with Mrs. Bissmeyer presiding.

**EMS Signpost and Smart 911**

Chief Wright explained that in 2014 the Fire Department launched EMS Signpost. He stated that at the time EMS Signpost was an innovative approach to the old Vial of Life program that was started many years ago in the EMS field. He explained that EMS Signpost utilizes an individual's webpage to supply EMS personnel with their medical history, pertinent medical conditions, as well as a list of current medications. This information is downloaded to the EMS personnel's smart phone. He stated that the cost of this program is \$3,000 annually and is exclusive to Montgomery.

Chief Wright stated that a new program is being offered by Hamilton County EMA called Smart 911. He explained that Smart 911 works very similar to EMS Signpost in that people enter medical information into a website, the information is sent to the county mobile systems so that is it countywide. He explained that if approved by the Committee, this program would replace the current EMS Signpost services at a lower cost to the City. He stated that staff supports this new program as it offers an expanded service that the City is not getting through EMS Signpost at a reduced rate of \$1,000 a year. He stated that there are currently 313 people that are signed up under EMS Signpost that would have to be transitioned into Smart 911. He stated that residents at Valley Creek and Twin Lakes make up the majority of that number.

Mrs. Bissmeyer asked if this was a nationwide program or just in Hamilton County.

Chief Wright stated that it was only Hamilton County, however, it is the ultimate goal for this program to be nationwide.

Chief Crowell added that it is possible that it could be nationwide, but not guaranteed.

Mr. Suer stated that he felt this was a good decision. He could not see any downside to it. He stated that although updating the contacts would be challenging, there were a lot of advantages to doing it. He supported the transition to Smart 911.

Mr. Suer asked if there was a way to recruit other areas and residents to join this program.

Mr. Riblet stated that having the information available at City sponsored events would be a good opportunity to spread awareness and help promote the program.

Mr. Suer asked if there could be a opportunity to have CERT members help promote it?

Chief Wright replied that he would look for opportunities for the CERT team to become involved.

Mr. Suer made a motion to transition from EMS Signpost to Smart 911. Mrs. Harbison seconded. The committee unanimously agreed.

**Minutes**

Mrs. Harbison made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2018 meeting. Mr. Suer seconded. The Committee unanimously approved the minutes.

**Other Business**

Mr. Riblet stated to the Committee that staff has targeted the March 20 Work Session as a time to introduce the new K9 unit to City Council.

Mr. Suer stated that there was a Haverkamp Foundation 5K scheduled at the Spring Grove Cemetery on April 7.

**Adjournment**

Mrs. Bissmeyer asked if there was any further business to discuss. There being none, Mr. Suer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Harbison seconded. The Committee unanimously agreed.

The Law and Safety Committee meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

  
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Chair of Law and Safety Committee of City Council