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Below are the draft minutes for the Public Safety Subcommittee:

The Public Safety Subcommittee met on 7/8/19 at 5:15 pm.

Present were Councilor Stremmer, Councilor Broersma, City Manager Casey, Police Chief Escalera, Fire Chief Anderson, Police Commander Bailey.

Discussion Items:

1. Approved minutes of June 10, 2019 Public Safety Subcommittee meeting.
2. Police Reserve Program.
 - Police Chief Escalera and Commander Bailey reviewed the Police Reserve program. Following a recent retirement, there are now 2 reserve officers. Chief Escalera and Commander Bailey shared that stringent requirements and changing interests/workstyles today are making it more difficult to recruit and retain persons interested in reserve work. Councilor Stremmer observed that years ago he perceived a divide between career officers and reserve officers; Chief Escalera responded that the department today values the program, and he noted they have looked at potential lateral transfers and supporting Cadets/Explorers that might be interested in serving as Reserve Officers.
3. Fire Department Volunteer Program.
 - Fire Chief Anderson reviewed the Fire Department Volunteer program. Chief Anderson reported on the growth in the number of volunteers and discussed steps he's taken to shift the department from an "us/them" mentality between career and volunteer firefighters. Chief Anderson reported that career firefighters historically viewed the volunteers as helpers only. He noted that Sunnyside can offer volunteers important development opportunities due to the mix of services we provide.
4. Ambulance ILA.
 - This topic was placed on the agenda for the full Council to consider on July 8, 2019.
5. Next Meeting: August 12, 2019, at 5:15 pm, Law & Justice Center Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

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