

**CITY OF LA VISTA  
SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES  
April 8, 2008**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

A meeting of the Safety Committee convened on April 8, 2008 at 9:00 A.M. at La Vista Police Station, 7701 South 96<sup>th</sup> Street, La Vista, NE 68128.

Present were Bob Lausten, Brian Lukasiewicz, Rich Uhl, Pam Buethe, Jeff Siebels, Jeff Sinnett and Mary Alex.

Lausten gave an overview of the new committee's purpose, goals and background information of the accomplishments of the previous committee. He spoke of the need to maintain the goals and success of the previous committee while introducing new ideas. Revised Health and Wellness incentive and smoking cessation rewards would be something the new committee would check into. He also explained how the new committee was formed, that state statute regulates the percentage of employee / employer representatives. He provided copies of the Council Policy Statement regarding the City Safety Committee Structure that will be presented to council for approval.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MARCH MEETING**

A motion was made by Lausten to approve the minutes from the March 12, 2008 meeting. A change was made and the amended minutes were approved by motion of Buethe and a second by Siebels.

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

**Reports**

**1. Incident Tracking**

Buethe provided copies to the committee of the reported incidents for January-March 2008. Discussion was held on the number of Police incidents and it was noted that the incidents were related to the Defensive Training Tactics used. Lausten would like to send two officers to be trained by the Los Angeles Police Department on the type of tactics used by the department. The two officers would then be able to teach the tactics to all officers of the La Vista Police Department over a two year period. The Safety Committee was in full support of this plan.

Lukasiewicz provided explanation of the ladder incident and noted the repair cost of the ladder was minimal.

**2. Facility Inspections**

Siebels noted there were no recent facility inspections to report on. Lausten asked for a yearly schedule of inspections.

#### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **a) Election of Officers**

###### **1. Chair**

Motion by Buethe, second by Siebels to appoint Lausten as Chairman to complete a two-year term.

Motion approved.

###### **2. Vice-Chair**

Motion by Lausten, second by Uhl to appoint Sinnett as Vice-Chair to complete a three-year term.

Motion approved.

##### **b) Sub-Committees**

Lausten requested that sub-committees be formed to focus on a few of the main responsibilities of the committee. Members were asked to volunteer for the committee of their choice.

- 1) Training Committee will include Ruhge and Uhl.
- 2) Incident Tracking Committee will include Buethe and Lukasiewicz.
- 3) Facilities Inspection Committee will include Siebels and Cavlovic.
- 4) Special Projects Committee will include Lausten and Sinnett.

While specific individuals are assigned to committees, all safety committee members are welcome to lend support and ideas to assist in the overall success of each sub-committee.

Any committee member wishing to attend the National Safety Council Safety & Health Summit being held on May 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> @ the Qwest Center should let Alex know for registration and payment purposes.

Next Safety Committee Meeting will be July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008, 9:00 AM @ the La Vista Police Facility.

Meeting adjourned @ 9:55 AM.