



## Minutes - Draft

### Public Safety Committee

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Wednesday, August 3, 2016

6:45 PM

Council Chambers

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#### Roll Call

[15-964](#)

Bill 37 Public Safety, this evening  
Amending the 2016 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Thirteen Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-Nine Dollars and Seventy-Nine Cents (\$13,789.79) as a result of a grant from the Commonwealth Of Pennsylvania Office Of The State Fire Commissioner Grant, to the Allentown Fire Department to provide for Fire Department Training Equipment to be used at the Training Academy.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 37 OFSC Grant for Training Equipment Revised](#)  
[Fire equipment Memo](#)

Mr. Hershman was called to speak

Chief Lee Laubach stated that this is a grant that we secured for the last four years. This year, we are getting items from the fire academy to assist with different aspects of our job. One will be a forcible entry piece of equipment. It will also help with training at our tower. We may need rope rescue to get window washers down.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked any questions from my colleagues or the public.

Mr. Lou Hershman asked if there are enough Ariel equipment to fight fires in the City of Allentown.

Chief Lee Laubach stated that the one we have now is running pretty heavily and we have always been working to get the second one back in service.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that one thing to keep in mind is that a lot of the new construction is almost fire proof.

Chief Lee Laubach stated that the construction is fire proof, but the materials inside are not. The amount of calls we get in the city is definitely getting the second aerial back in service.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked how long has it been out of service.

Chief Lee Laubach stated that it has been out of service since 2011. Because of the contract award, the aerial is one that had to go.

**A motion was made by Roger J. MacLean, seconded by Candida Affa, that this Bill be forwarded to the entire Council.**

**Yes:** 3 - Daryl Hendricks, Roger MacLean and Candida Affa

Enactment No: 15301

[15-948](#)

Bill 39 Public Safety, this evening  
Amending the 2016 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of \$62,459, reflecting receiving funds from Department of Justice Grant 201-H3953-PA-DJ for \$62,459 for the Allentown Police Department (\$40,374) and Lehigh County Regional Crime Center (\$22,085). The funds are to be used for the purchase of a simulator for training dealing with force scenarios.

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Bill 39 2016 JAG Ordinance](#)  
[JAG Funding Memo](#)

Mr. Hunsicker was called to speak

Chief Keith Morris stated that it is their yearly JAG Grant. We were award this year approximately \$62,459.00. He stated that \$22,085 is going to the county for the Rig Center equipment that they are going to utilize and \$40,374 is going to the Police Department for a judgment evaluation and option simulator. The system will be a three screen to start and can expand to five screens. It will be housed at the Police Academy.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that this can be shown to the civilian class.

Mr. Chief Keith Morris stated that there are a lot of opportunities. It will be for a yearlong on-going training. We will use for our cadet training. We can bring in civilian police academy.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked any questions from my colleagues.

Chief Roger MacLean asked about the three screens expanding to five screens. It is just not in front of you, but scenarios to the sides and behind you.

Chief Keith Morris stated that the one we are getting initially is called the theatre system 180 degrees, three screens.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated he is fully in support of it, but will abstain from it because his office is the recipient of part of the grant.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked what does JAG mean.

Chief Keith Morris stated Justice Assistance Grant.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked any other questions from my colleagues or the public.

Mr. Glenn Hunsicker asked how long is the training for an officer who goes through this. How many hours would an officer sit behind the screen. He asked who will maintain this and be put in the budget for next year. He asked who makes this equipment.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that this is only part of the training.

Chief Keith Morris stated that is something that we would put together once we have it and acquire it. We have to have people that would run it. We would work on a schedule to have all our officers to go through it.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated to be determined.

Chief Keith Morris stated that it comes underwarranty, however, there is no ongoing maintenance that we would have to pay every year. The one we are looking at is called MILO and MILO Range Theatre is the actual device that we are getting.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked any other questions from the public.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that yesterday she was part of the National Night Out Event and she congratulated the Police Department, the Chief, and the Fire Department for doing such a great job with the community. It was a community engagement and so positive. We was such a great event.

Chief Keith Morris thanked Ms. Mota and stated that he thought it was a fantastic event yesterday. The turnout was phenomenal and they had a lot of officers there. The positive interaction was great.

**A motion was made by Candida Affa, seconded by Daryl Hendricks, that this Bill be forwarded to the entire Council.**

**Yes:** 3 - Daryl Hendricks, Roger MacLean and Candida Affa

Enactment No: 15303

**Adjourned: 6:56 PM**

