

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
Municipal Center Council Chambers
November 14, 2024; 11:00 AM

Minutes

Due to a technical issue, there was no audio during the first part of the meeting.

I. **Call to Order:** Chairman Berner called the meeting to order at 11:00 am.

II. **Roll Call:**

Present: Russell Berner, Chairman
Yvonne Johnstone
Steve Rolando
Mark Ruppel
Al Sines
Bill Thomae

Absent: Nancy Robison

Also Present: Craig Harris, *Public Safety Director*
Fire Chief Kunitzer, *St. Johns Fire District*
Deputy Chief Winn, *Charleston County EMS*
Rob Edgerton, *Beach Patrol*
Brian Gottshalk. *Public Works Manager*

III. **Approval of Minutes:**

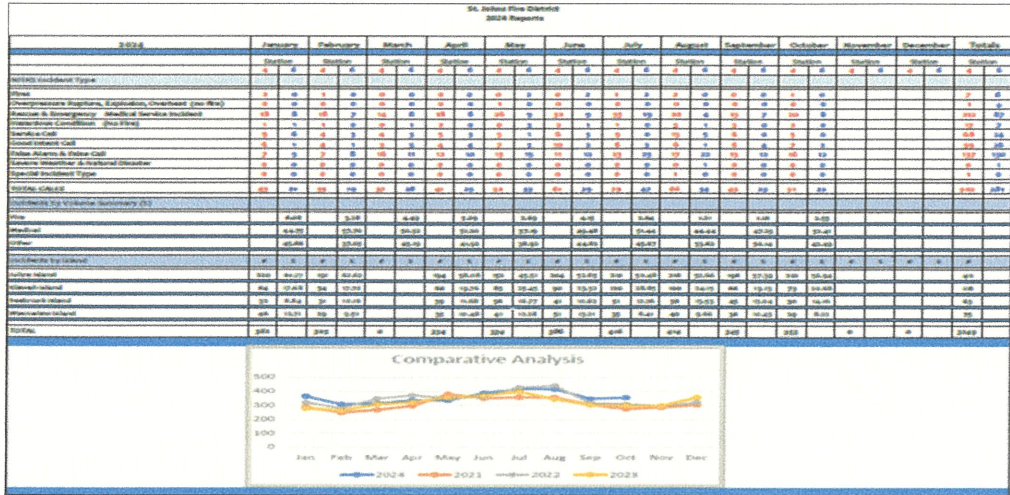
A. Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes of September 19, 2024
Approval of the minutes was deferred to the next meeting.

IV. **Agency Updates (as required)**

A. Charleston County Sheriff’s Department

Town of Kiawah Monthly Report	October	Year to Date
Number of all Written Report (excluding accident reports)	8	153
Accident Reports – Vehicle Mishaps	8	85
Number of Calls Handle Not Requiring a Report	66	644
Number of Traffic Stops	60	295
TOTAL NUMBER OF CALLS HANDLED (dispatched/self-generated)	142	1035
Written Warnings Issued	55	253
Traffic Citations Issued	5	44
Total Warnings and Citations Issued	60	297
Alarms	23	297
Specific Patrols Requests	97	1941

B. St. John's Fire District



C. Charleston County Emergency Medical Services

Charleston County EMS
Quick Data - Town of Kiawah

Month: Year:

Number of Days in Report: 31

Response Data	Overall	Alpha	Bravo	Charlie	Delta	Echo
Incident Arrivals	33	10	11	7	4	1
% of All Responses	100.00%	30.30%	33.33%	21.21%	12.12%	3.03%
Average Responses Per Day	1.06	0.32	0.35	0.23	0.13	0.03
Average Response Time	00:13:19	00:11:40	00:15:27	00:11:47	00:14:49	00:11:07
Fractile	63.64%	90%	55%	71%	25%	0%
% > 20 Minute Response	12.12%	10.00%	27.27%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
% > 30 Minute Response	6.06%	10.00%	9.09%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Average Daily Total Staffing Hours Countywide, Transport Units Only	404	Average Daily Core Hours				313.39
Average Daily Total Unit Type Hours Countywide, Transport Units Only	ALS 289	ADV 34.19	BLS 80	% Core BLS		25.57%
				% Core ADV		10.91%

D. Beach Patrol

October 2024 Beach Patrol Activity

Enforcement	Subcategory	Verbal Warning	Written Warning	Citation	Violation Total
	Alcohol 15-208				0
	Alligator 15-501				0
	Beached Boat 16-803				0
	Beach Fire 15-105				0
	Build Permit				0
	Business License				0
	Critical Habitat 16-604	14			14
	Discorderly 15-204				0
	Drones 7-302				7
	Dune 16-304	7			7
	Fireworks 15-209				0
	Glass 16-818	3			3
	Harness Animal 16-810				0
	Leash 7-201	24		3	27
	Lights 16-107				0
	Littering 15-212				0
	Narcotics 15-213				0
	Noise 15-306				0
	Nudity 16-806				0
	Other				0
	Parking 13-103				0
	Personal Article Storage B 119				0
	Plastic 14-402	2			2
	Shovel 16-409				0
	Storage 16-805				0
	STR Bikes / Beach Gear 14-506f				0
	STR Parking 14-506d				0
	STR Parking 14-506d(1)				0
	STR Parking 14-506d(5)				0
	STR Trash 14-506e(1)				0
	Swim Wade 15-314				0
	Trespass 15-119				0
	Vehicle 16-302b	3			3
	Total	53	0	3	56

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Alligator 15-501					0
Beached Boat 16-803					0
Beach Fire 15-105					0
Build Permit					0
Business License					0
Critical Habitat 16-804					0
Disorderly 15-204					0
Driver 7-302					0
Dune 16-304					0
Fireworks 15-209					0
Glass 16-818					0
Hazardous Animal 16-819					0
Leash 7-251					0
Littering 16-107		2			2
Littering 16-112			2		2
Narcotics 15-218					0
Noise 15-306		3			3
Nuisance 16-806					0
Other		3	2	42	47
Parking 13-103					0
Personal Article Storage 8-119			5		5
Pistol 14-402					0
Shovel 16-409					0
Storage 16-805					0
STR Bikes / Beach Gear 14-506f		1	28	1	30
STR Parking 14-506d			1	1	2
STR Parking 14-506d(1)		1			1
STR Parking 14-506d(2)			1		1
STR Trash 14-506e(1)					0
Swim Wade 13-314					0
Trespass 16-119					0
Vehicle 16-802b					0
Total		10	42	44	96

E. Kiawah Island Community Association

KICA Security Report
Monthly Statistics: October 2024

	2022	2023	2024
Deer Related Accidents (no personal injury)	3	1	0
False Residential Alarms	0	1	1
Vehicles passed through the Main Gate	170,335	181,269	200,552
Vehicles passed through the Vanderhorst Gate	87,014	117,218	101,726

V. **Old Business:**

- A. Update on the Comprehensive Public Safety Feasibility Study
- B. Discussion of the Town Council's opinion regarding Shibumi Shades

VI. **New Business:**

- A. Discussion and Recommendation of the Reappointment of Bill Thomae as an STJFD Fire Commissioner.
- B. Discussion of the 3rd Quarter CCSO Statistical Breakdown
- C. Update on the Town Council's Decision Regarding the Traffic Roadway Buttons.
 - a. Discussion of any Suggestions for Providing Safety Measures to Protect Traffic Entering Kiawah Island Parkway from Little Rabbit

The discussion focused on traffic management and emergency response planning, emphasizing efficient movement and safety during large events or crises.

Committee Members' discussion included Ms. Johnstone's views on raised curbs, with Mr. Harris being assigned to investigate the suggestion along with Mr. Ruppel and KICA. It was noted that ensuring clear access for responders during marathons or emergencies, like the governor's conference incident, was vital, pointing out that raised curbing would restrict access. Temporary, removable devices for emergencies were proposed, and Mr. Gottshalk was assigned to manage this.

D. Introduction of a speed monitoring system and its capabilities

Mr. Gottshalk discussed a speed monitoring system for Kiawah Island Parkway, focusing on the Mingo Point curve to mitigate speeding. It was confirmed by borrowing a speed box from KICA and placing it at the Mingo Curve. Highlighting the need for in-house equipment, he contacted Stalker Street Dynamics for stealth boxes, speed signs, and message board trailers. These tools monitor speed, alert drivers, and notify about road conditions. The stealth boxes collect data on speed and volume, the

message board displays preset messages and traffic signs, aiding event notifications and road alerts, and the mobile speed trailer sign with radar detectors was being considered.

The legality of issuing citations from a speed monitoring device in SC was discussed, and it was noted that the focus would be on identifying problem areas for law enforcement.

Mr. Ruppel indicated that KICA's speed trailers with license plate readers were effective on the island. The speed reduction program, paused in January, will resume for contractors and island employees, with HR notifications and potential contractor bans for violations. The License plate readers capture speed and images and can be set to send emails for violations. Collaboration with the county for enforcement was suggested.

E. Discussion of the Restart of CERT (Community Emergency Response Team)

Chairman Berner stated that he was taking over as the lead and reactivating CERT.

a. CERT's involvement in the upcoming marathon

CERT has been activated to participate in the upcoming marathon. Volunteers will be stationed on the course looking for runners in distress or wanting to quit, and shuttle operators will transport those runners back to the start.

CERT will meet with the Resort and Sheriff's Office to discuss communication protocols, emergency procedures, and how to address unoccupied packages.

b. Discussion of the need to Prepare a Procedure Manual for Engaging CERT

1) Manual to Include a List of What Services CERT will Provide for Different Events

A manual outlining the procedures and protocol for engaging CERT during an emergency situation and for assisting in upcoming community events is being prepared.

Concerns were raised about CERT equipment being stored at Town Hall and limiting access after-hours, on the weekend, or if the bridge is gone.

F. Discussion of Upcoming Events and Preparations for the Holidays

Ms. Johnstone stated that the Marathon had capped off at 5,100 runners, so good communication would be vital. The event, which had been held for almost 50 years, would start at West Beach Conference Center again this year.

Nancy Robinson was absent but provided the following updates:

- The Christmas tree will arrive today on the green at the Santa Shack. Delivery was delayed due to a storm affecting the farm near Asheville.
- Freshfield will host the Bohicket 5k and a half-mile marathon on November 23rd and a holiday farmers market on November 25th.
- Santa will be at the Santa Surf Shack from November 29th to December 1st.
- Movie nights are scheduled for December 7th and 14th

VII. Chairman's Updates

None

VIII. Committee Members' Comments

Mr. Thomae indicated that he would be out of the country and unable to attend the December meeting.

Mr. Sines questioned the Council's decision to reimburse a maximum of \$400 per vehicle for damage caused by the buttons' installation.

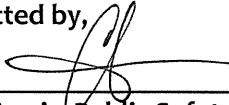
IX. Citizens' Comments:

None

X. Adjournment:

Mr. Ruppel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:04 pm. Mr. Thomae seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Submitted by,



Craig Harris, Public Safety Director

1-21-25

Date