



## **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**September 23, 2025**

**Sam King Room**

**2:00 PM**

### **Committee Members Present**

Commissioner Harry Brock      Commissioner Elaina Beeman      Commissioner Bill Collins

### **Also in Attendance**

Meredith Ulmer, Assistant City Manager  
Director Sommer Robinson, 911  
Chief Troy Brock, Fire  
Division Chief Clete Bonney, Fire  
Chief Denise Downer-McKinney, Police  
Major Mark Tison, Police  
Captain Pete Sailors, Police

Joe Smith, City Clerk  
Sarah Lively, 911  
Deputy Chief Brad Roberson, Fire  
Deputy Director Chris Fincher, EMA  
Assistant Chief Rodney Bailey, Police  
Major Rusty Blair, Police  
Doug Walker, Public Information Officer

### **Call to Order**

Chairman Brock called the meeting to order and the minutes from the May 20<sup>th</sup> and July 15<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved by common consent.

### **Animal Control/PAWS**

A written report on activities at Public Animal Welfare Services (PAWS) was distributed to the committee for review.

### **Emergency Management**

A written report on activities at Emergency Management was distributed to the committee for review.

Deputy Director, Chris Fincher stated the paperwork has been submitted and waiting on GEMA approval for the FCC/FEMA Coordinated emergency alerts through Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS). IPAWS is FEMA's national system used for local emergency alerts through targeted messages. This system will allow emergency related messages to be sent via text to those directly affected by a particular emergency such as a natural disaster.

Deputy Director Fincher stated the department is also putting together another drone class to train EMA volunteers to operate the drone when needed.

## **E911**

A written report on activities at E911 was distributed to the committee for review.

Director Sommer Robinson stated there haven't been any significant changes in 911. The department currently has two open positions and four new hires in training. She reminded everyone of the "Treats not Streets" event which will be on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

## **Fire**

A written report on activities at the Fire Department was distributed to the committee.

Chief Brock reported 536 calls for service during the month of July, 271 in the city and 265 in the county. There were 295 inspections conducted and 14 educational classes. In August there was a total of 537 calls for service, 289 in the city and 248 in the county. There were 250 inspections, and 31 educational classes were conducted.

Division Chief Bonney reported the renovation of Station 2 being about 50% complete. Once the wiring for new generators is complete at station 4 and station 8, that project for the new generators will be finished. All aerial inspections have been completed as well. The department is also planning for the Wings Over North Georgia Air Show scheduled for October 17<sup>th</sup> – October 19<sup>th</sup>.

Deputy Chief Brad Roberson stated a 10-person rookie school started on Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. An investigator position was recently filled, and the department is currently fully staffed.

The outdoor burning ban ends October 1, 2025.

## **Police**

A written report on activities at the Police Department was distributed to the committee.

Assistant Chief Rodney Bailey stated the police department currently has eight vacancies, four rookies in the Field Training Officer program and four recruits in the police academy. The department has seven candidates in the background process with an entry level hiring assessment scheduled for Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. One candidate has been hired for the Bicycle Ambassador position with a start date of October 6<sup>th</sup> and one with a potential start date of October 13<sup>th</sup>. There are four applicants in the background process.

Assistant Chief Bailey stated the new Evidence Room that is being constructed at the department's training center located on Callier Springs Road is about 90% complete. This should be completed, and all evidence moved to the new evidence room by the end of October. This move will totally vacate Rome Police Department from the former Law Enforcement Complex.

Major Mark Tison stated YTD the Rome Floyd Metro Task Force has made 187 arrests for 571 cases and executed 42 search warrants. They have seized \$144,000 in cash, 17 vehicles, 36 firearms and various types of drugs with a street value of 1.4 million dollars.

The Training Division has conducted numerous training programs and sent officers to various training classes with some 1,252 officers attending for a total of 14,911 hours. They also conducted community relations programs with 3,625 in attendance.

The Criminal Investigations Division has assigned 401 cases, made 100 arrests with 292 counts and have executed 117 search warrants.

Major Rusty Blair pointed out the number of arrests increased from 1,086 to 1,166 YTD. There was also a slight increase in the number of warnings and citations issued.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kim Stone".

Kim Stone, Secretary