

**Minutes of Committee
Monday, April 12, 2010
7:05 p.m.**

PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

- 1) Locator System for Individuals (EmFinders EmSeeQ)
- 2) Liquor License: Knights of Columbus
- 3) Other Business

Members Present: Wagner, Nybo, Pezza

Elected Official Present: Spencer, DiCianni

City Staff Present: Neubauer, Kopp, Mahoney, Panico

Guest: Steve Weatherford, Stephen Rhea, Dave Jones, George Pappas, Cathy Jordan, Melva Walker, Nancy Wilson

DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS:

Item #1 Chief Neubauer addressed the Committee providing an overview of available individual locator systems for children and adults who have medical disorders that would put them at a higher risk of becoming disoriented and lost. Upon this research of various systems and vendors, “EmFinders” was identified as a system that warranted further review. Unlike other systems that utilize radio frequency technology or GPS technology “EmFinders” uses cellular technology and the existing cellular system to locate lost persons. This is accomplished by the individual wearing a secure wrist band similar to a watch, and the cellular system triangulates the individuals’ location. Mr. Dave Jones, regional manager, of “EmFinders” was invited to present his product and service to the Committee for further consideration. Mayor DiCianni advised that city funds would not be used for this program; he would seek private funding from various organizations to provide partial or full funding for families who may need financial assistance. Representatives from ECAF and the City’s Senior Commission were in attendance.

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Mr. Jones presented a power point and video to the Committee providing an overview of the “EmFinders” product and service. He advised that the company is relatively new to the region and started in Texas. Mr. Jones said the average monthly service fee is approximately \$25.00 and there are two wrist band models available, a \$185.00 & \$225.00 model. The average find time for a lost/missing person is 13 minutes. During further discussion Mr. Jones responded to questions from the Committee, Staff, and Guests. Subsequent to further discussion, Mr. Jones will research the answers to several questions and agreed to make arrangements with Staff for a field test of the system. Staff will report back to Committee upon completion of the field test.

Item #2 Wagner removed this item from the agenda due to representatives from the Knights of Columbus being unable to attend tonight’s meeting.

Item #3 Other Business:
Chief Kopp addressed the Committee providing a memo regarding a traffic issue in the residential area of North Ave. & Berteau. Vehicles traveling westbound North Ave needing to access I-290-294 are using adjacent side streets and residential drive ways to turn around. He further advised that a joint study is currently ongoing between the City of Elmhurst, City of Northlake, and the Illinois Department of Transportation regarding this same issue. Subsequent to a brief discussion the Committee requested this matter be placed on the pending list until completion of that study.

The Committee was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.
Submitted by Dominic Panico, Deputy Chief