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1. *Edmond Police Department*

- Over 50% of Edmond Patrol personnel have attended advanced mental health training known as Crisis Intervention Team.
- The Police Department has recently reconstituted their Peer Support program that provides wellness and resiliency resources to all members of the Department.
- The City/PD recently completed the implementation of the body-worn camera program. All uniformed personnel have individually assigned body-worn cameras and every marked police car is equipped with in-car cameras.
- Edmond Police Academy 21-07 is scheduled to graduate on October 1. There are 8 cadets in the academy and 50% are female. Edmond's next Police Academy is expected to begin in September 2022 with recruiting starting in January.
- The City/PD has recently reconvened a stakeholder group to discuss the state of homelessness in Edmond and how to best serve those in this situation.
- Edmond continues to enjoy a low crime rate and safe community. However, it is difficult to take too much pride in the last two years data with the uncertainty around how COVID has impacted behavior.
- The City/EPS will expand the School Resource Officer cadre from 8 officers to 11 officers in January thanks to a 3-year grant from the United States Department of Justice's Community Oriented Policing Services. This partnership has proven to be a great service to Edmond's students, teachers, and community.

2. Edmond Fire Department

- The Fire Department responded to 8,238 incidents in 2020 for an average of 22.6 emergency incidents each day. This was an 8% decline from 2019, which we believe was mainly a result of everything being shut down due to Covid-19. This was the first decline in annual incidents in the last 7 years, during which time the department saw an average annual increase of 6%
- 2021 Incident Numbers year to date - The Fire Department is on pace to respond to just over 9,000 incidents in 2021 which will be a 9% increase from 2020.
- The department continues to partner with EMSA, the Medical Director and other OKC metropolitan fire departments in implementing new initiatives to put more ambulances on the street and to improve ambulance response times during the Covid-19 pandemic. The pandemic has strained the entire emergency care system from first response to ambulance transport, to hospital care. These problems are occurring not just in our area but across the entire country.
- During the pandemic, the department used technology and innovative ideas to continue to provide many of our support services. This allowed us to carry on our mission and continue to provide needed services such as virtual public education events, station tours and apparatus demonstrations, and even some inspections.
- The department continues to work as a part of the City of Edmond team on administering Covid-19 vaccinations to all interested City of Edmond employees and family members.
- During the pandemic, the department sought out and was awarded several grants that allowed us to purchase additional IT equipment, personal protective equipment, and commercial bunker gear extractors to best provide services and to keep our personnel safe.
- The department is evaluating current fire stations for needed upgrades and the feasibility of major renovations.
- The department is evaluating the city's needs for future fire stations. In the coming year, the Fire Chief plans to bring recommendations for a timeline for construction of Fire Station 6.
- In addition, the department hopes to secure or purchase land for several future fire stations that will be needed as our city continues to grow.
- The Fire Department completed the Insurance Services Office (ISO) analysis this spring and is awaiting our final rating. This comprehensive analysis is completed every five years and is a rating of the department's ability to provide fire

suppression services to our citizens. The department has been diligently working for several years towards a goal of improving our rating from an ISO 2 to an ISO 1 which is the best rating possible. We expect a formal announcement in October.

- The department continues working with OKCFD regarding a potential automatic aid agreement for joint response to structure fires in both cities. If approved, this agreement will prove beneficial to citizens of both cities.
- The department continues to implement innovative ideas to best serve our citizens. Recently, we partnered with our Medical Director to serve as the only department in the eastern and western divisions of the state to implement the new Elegard Heads Up CPR device. We believe this important initiative will result in more saved lives across our city. If successful, the Medical Director hopes to expand this pilot program across the entire system.
- The department is currently in a hiring process for an academy of 12 recruits which will start later this year. 12 contingent job offers have been made as the candidates continue to complete the remaining parts of the hiring process.

3. Kickingbird Golf Course Improvements

- Work has begun on both portions of these major improvements and upgrades. On the improvements to the clubhouse, since closing the golf course, we sold all our assets that we will not be using in the new clubhouse through the City of Edmond's auction site. All items sold and we received proceeds of over \$30,000 from the auction. The clubhouse was vacated on Monday, August 23rd and was stripped of all its usable equipment. Demolition started on September 20th and is moving along well. They will be demolishing the clubhouse and surrounding buildings first then the tennis courts shortly thereafter. Due to the delays in the transition period out of the clubhouse and issuance of notice to proceed and demolition permit, we anticipate a potential forty-five day delay in completion.
- The greens and irrigation project began construction on August 16th. The contractors had to adjust their sequence of workflow based on the availability of irrigation parts. Once the parts arrive, then they can start the finish grade of the greens and possibly get six to eight greens seeded this fall. If the product availability delays stretch much longer, then we may have to wait until spring to seed all the greens. Greens on Holes 10 - 17 have been rough graded and most of the back nine greens mainline irrigation has been installed. Also, the dead areas you see in the pictures are the greens surrounds and fairways that have been sprayed out so that we can sod and sprig with Tahoma bermuda grass which will provide a better playing surface.
- We appreciate everyone's patience as we construct these major improvements, and we are anticipating the course will reopen next fall. The total cost of both of these projects is \$18M - \$13.5 for the clubhouse portion and \$4.5 for the greens

and irrigation piece. These improvements are being paid for as part of the \$40M bank financing package that occurred in July and the repayment will come from the 2000 Capital Improvements Sales Tax.

4. Sales & Use Taxes

- The numbers for our third monthly check of the new fiscal year reflect sales for the month of July. Sales tax revenue increased nearly 10% over the same month last year, comparing to a 3.25% budget projection for the new budget year. Use tax revenue increased 8.9% from the same month last year, slightly below the 10% annual budget projection. Over the first three months of this fiscal year, combined collections are 9.72% above last year.

Respectfully submitted

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