



Mayor's Monthly Newsletter

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March 2017 – Public Safety in Jersey Village: A Review of a Core Feature of the Community

Hello Neighbors, Residents and Friends,

In previous Mayor's Newsletters I have discussed the City's Comprehensive Plan. An important aspect of the plan that can be overshadowed when discussing the exciting visionary goals is the section titled "Sustainment of Core Activities". City Council added this section as a reminder to future leaders to not lose sight of the important core features of our community as they debate and implement the numerous growth initiatives. The elements of this section outline the fundamental features that make Jersey Village a premier community. The first core activity discussed in this section is maintaining "excellence in all Police and Fire operations." The inclusion of this feature is due to our community putting great emphasis on the public safety departments and the safety of our residents.

Since public safety is such a fundamental part of Jersey Village, it is worth reflecting on 2016's multiple accomplishments and success stories from the City Police and Fire Departments:

- In 2016, Jersey Village PD aggressively focused on speed mitigation and nearly doubled the amount of speeding citations.
- A significant anti-burglary patrol pattern resulted in home burglaries dropping over 50% since 2011.
- JVPD has increased its performance levels while answering more calls for service. In 2016 JVPD answered over 10% more calls than the previous year- Over 18,000 calls!
- JVFD maintained an important ISO Class 2 status.
- In 2016, JVFD continued its commitment to unsurpassed training by requiring more live burn training for fire department personnel and provided in depth training classes to become a State Firemen and Fire Marshal's Association Firefighter.
- JVFD was able to maintain its commitment to excellence while handling an ever increasing work load. In 2016, 545 inspections were conducted at local businesses for code compliance, 193 public education programs involving 6195 people were held and the department completed a total of 1187 runs for the year.

This City Council and I expect future Councils are committed to maintaining the high level of public safety in JV. That involves ensuring that our Police and Fire Departments are well funded, trained and staffed. It is safe to say we are blessed with enviable public safety departments and the Chiefs of Police and Fire deserve credit for maintaining departments that consistently provide a high level of service and professionalism. Lastly, it has also been brought to my attention that any JV kids with lemonade stands in the City, can also count on our public safety personnel as loyal customers.

All the Best,

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