

**Decorah Public Safety Committee**

**August 1, 2022**

**City Hall Council Chambers**

5:00 pm

Chair Neal, Zittergruen, Olson

Joint meeting with the public safety committee and the 28E Rural Fire Association Board of Trustees

Chair Neal called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Fire Chief Mike Ashbacher gave the quarterly report for the Decorah Volunteer Fire Department. Ashbacher reported that they had 51 calls last quarter: 31 city and 20 rural. The Chief also reported that the department is also changing their training a little bit to have it reflect how the Decorah Volunteer Fire Department operates. Ashbacher also stated that they remained very busy over Nordic Fest weekend, but they were still able to serve 850 people at their pancake breakfast with the help of the Clear Lake Fire Department who comes over and helps every year.

Assistant Chief of Police Brent Parker reported for the Decorah Police Department. The department had 1301 calls for service last quarter. Mason Smith is a new hire for the department. He will be going to the academy in August. Parker also reported that it was National Night Out on Tuesday August 2, 2022, which will be held at Phelps Park. The department is currently working on their policies to get those updated.

Meeting adjourned at 5:28 pm

Keri Sand

City Clerk-Finance Officer