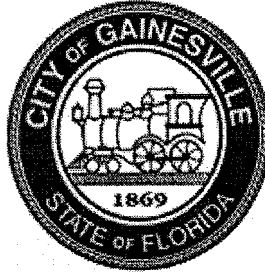


# City of Gainesville

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200 East University Avenue  
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## Minutes - Draft

Monday, August 24, 2015

3:00 PM

City Hall, Ground Floor, Room 16

## Public Safety Committee

*Commissioner Helen Warren, Chair  
Commissioner Charles Goston, Member*

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**CALL TO ORDER****ROLL CALL****ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA****APPROVAL OF MINUTES****150073.** Approval of April 27, 2015 Public Safety Committee Minutes (B)

*The minutes of the April 27, 2015 PSC meeting were approved by consensus.*

**RECOMMENDATION** *The Public Safety Committee approve the minutes of the April 27, 2015 meeting as submitted.*

**Approved as Recommended**

**DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS****140354.** **Gainesville Fire Rescue Special Sprinkler Initiative (B)**

**This item provides an update from Gainesville Fire Rescue on efforts to increase the use of home sprinkler systems. \*ESTIMATED STAFF PRESENTATION 15 MINUTES\***

*Interim Deputy Fire Chief JoAnne Rice gave a presentation on the need for residential sprinkler systems.*

*Citizen Donald Shepherd spoke to the issue.*

*The Public Safety Committee voted to forward this referral back to the full City Commission with the following recommendations: 1) the Commission receive the presentation on Residential Automatic Fire Sprinklers from GFR staff; 2) recommend the City Commission direct staff to create a Public Service Announcement (PSA) to educate and inform the public on the benefits and myths of home fire sprinklers; 3) request the City Manager prepare a increment package for the next budget year for an economic impact study to identify additional incentives for homeowners, builders, and developers; 4) direct staff to look at City involved new housing construction regulations to include sprinkler systems; 5) direct staff to look at grants and other funding sources to retrofit existing residential structures for sprinkler systems; and 6) remove this item from the Public Safety Committee's referral list.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

- *Continue to emphasize awareness through public education efforts on the benefits and myths of home fire sprinklers*
- *Continue on a case-by-case basis to work with the building department to identify assembly alternatives provided with-in the Building and Fire Codes to decrease costs to install home fire sprinklers*
- *Identify funding to conduct an economic impact study*

- *Conduct an economic impact study as required by Florida Statute 633 specific to Gainesville to identify additional incentives for homeowners, builders and developers to be used in a local ordinance*

Discussed

**MEMBER COMMENT**

**CITIZEN COMMENT**

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

**ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.*