

# **City of Gainesville**

*City Hall  
200 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32601*



## **Meeting Agenda**

**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)

**RECOMMENDATION***The Public Safety Committee approve the minutes of the April 27, 2015 meeting as submitted.*[150073 April 27 2015 PSC Minutes 20150824](#)**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\***

*Explanation: On October 2, 2014, Commissioner Yvonne Hinson-Rawls recommended a referral of the Gainesville Fire Rescue (GFR) Sprinkler Initiative to the Public Safety Committee. Risk Reduction Bureau Chief JoAnne Rice completed a presentation to the Public Safety Committee on December 16, 2014. Since then, GFR has researched opportunities, worked with stakeholders and building officials, and hosted sprinkler demonstrations in an effort to increase knowledge in the Gainesville community of the life-saving benefits of sprinkler systems and to encourage their installation in homes. Chief Rice has prepared a presentation with details on these efforts for the Committee.*

*Fiscal Note: \$20,000 for an economic impact study.*

**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 within 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*

**Legislative History**

10/2/14	City Commission	Referred to the Public Safety Committee
12/16/14	Public Safety Committee	Discussed

[140354b HomeFireSprinklerCostAssessment2013 20141216](#)

[140354c incentivesresidentialfiresprinklers 20141216](#)

[140354a FireSprinklerPresentation 20141216](#)

[140354a FireSprinklerPresentation 20150824](#)

[140354b Cape Coral Cost Study 20150824](#)

[140354c Estero Economic Impacts of Residential Fire Sprinklers 20150824](#)

**MEMBER COMMENT****CITIZEN COMMENT****NEXT MEETING DATE**

*The next scheduled meeting is Monday, September 28, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.*

**ADJOURNMENT**