



Re: Last Thursday's FS/HRSC

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Chief Peterson,

I wanted to follow up on a few requests/clarifications from the committee from last week's meeting:

- The committee wanted a more complete picture of the total number of and character of the activity in the community surrounding home shooting ranges and calls to complain about them. They were hoping to be provided with as complete a collection of the relevant police reports as possible for review in advance of the next meeting to support a draft for a presentation to the council. They were especially hoping for whatever documentation exists surrounding the incident you previously mentioned about one range with a high frequency of shooting per day which was disturbing multiple surrounding neighbors.
- In reviewing a police report with incident number 23-4651 the committee found language suggesting that the department had consulted with the State's Attorney for guidance regarding safety for shooting ranges and distance. What guidance was given by the State's Attorney regarding safe distances for shooting ranges?
- The committee wished to confirm with you regarding the potential of liability with the current draft of the ordinance. Specifically, there is still a concern that by recognizing certain ranges as "safe," even without any registration process, there might be an impact on the Town should an injury occur. I understand if this question might be better posed to the Town attorney, but I wanted to get your opinion on it and ask if it is comparable to how any existing regulations are handled.
- The committee is concerned with the public availability of names of firearms owners. In a past meeting you had mentioned that the names of those who call in to notify the department about recreational shooting might be redacted in some scenarios. In what cases would this information be publicly available and in what cases would it be redacted? The committee wishes to avoid any scenario that would either imperil firearms owners by making their addresses or names publicly available, or possibly conflict with state law regarding privacy of firearms information.

Also, the committee would greatly appreciate your attendance at the next meeting on the 15th of May such that they might get your input on the aforementioned draft presentation to council. Please let me know if you need any additional information or clarifications as a part of this inquiry. Thank you so much for your time!

Sincerely,

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