



## **Sheriff's Citizens Advisory Board Meeting Minutes January 14, 2019**

### **Attendees:**

Nowels, John (SCSO)	O'Neill, Leigh	Samadi, Mehrdad	James, Steve	Marlett, Larry
Johnson, Skip	Winn, Kenneth L.	Davison, Mike	King, Verne	Standow, Brian
Parker, Chuck				
Guests:				
West, Bob	Self, Sean	Johnston, Lyle	Schaal, Melissa	

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 pm.

Minutes were approved for December meeting.

Old Business –

New member introductions and vote:

- Two prospective members introduced themselves, Sean Self & Bob West.
- The CAB voted unanimously to add both to the group

### **WELCOME SEAN AND WELCOME BACK BOB!**

New Business –

Forensics Discussion by Lyle Johnston, Supervisor & Melissa Schaal, Lead Specialist

- Forensics Staff
  - 2 Supervisors
  - 2 Lead Forensics Specialists
  - 2 Fingerprint Specialists
  - 3 Technicians
  - 1 Digital Technician
  - 1 Digital Specialist
- Forensics works for both City and County
  - City = 60% of the budget
  - County = 40% of the budget (split between Spokane County & City of the Spokane Valley)
- Work with WSP Crime Lab, ICE, & FBI
- Work on:
  - Suspicious Deaths
  - Homicides
  - Assist on car accidents / fatalities
- Tasks:
  - Videography
  - Photography
  - Evidence Collection

- Trace Collection
- DNA / Chemical goes to the WSP Crime Lab
- Fingerprints done at our crime lab
- Longest time at a crime scene 10 days
- To apply to forensics:
  - 4-year degree in Criminal Justice
  - Civil Service Exam
  - 1 ½ - 2 -years on the job training to become a technician
  - 2-3 years fingerprinting training
- Forensics works WITH the detectives, not for!
- Forensics works for the citizens of Spokane and Spokane County
- When technicians aren't working a scene, they process evidence
- Certifications: Internationals Association of Identification. Certification is very difficult to achieve. Everyone in the Spokane office has at least one certification
- Bi-Annual Forensics Tour - May 7<sup>th</sup>, 6pm – 9 pm
  - Attendance is based on a first come, first service basis
  - Email: [mschaal@spokanesherrif.org](mailto:mschaal@spokanesherrif.org)

Meeting adjourned 7:30pm.

**Next Meeting:**

February 11, 2019 at 5:30 pm at the Spokane Regional Health District Bldg., 1101 W. College Ave., Room #140

Minutes Submitted by  
Leigh O'Neill, Secretary