

Sheriff's Citizens Advisory Board

April 11, 2016

Minutes

Attendees:

Knezovich, Ozzie (SCSO)	VanLeuvan, Rick (SCSO)	Gregory, Mark (SCSO)
West, Bob	Lewis, Mary	Marlett, Larry
Johnson, Skip	Winn, Kenneth L	Parker, Chuck
Mackenzie, Tom	Davisson, Mike	Williams-Hueter, Erin
Papich, Tiffanie	Nollette, John	Pavani, Vijaya
O'Neill, Leigh		

Guests:

Olson, Kathryn

The meeting was called to order at 5:32pm.

The minutes of the March 14, 2016 meeting were approved

CAB Administrative Discussion:

Old Business / Holyk Incident Letter Review –

- Stats on Complaints for excessive speed (1.1.10 to current)
 - Sustained = 3, Exonerated = 1, Unfounded = 1, Changed to Inquiry = 4, Inquiry Only = 3, Not resolved = 1
- Proposed new language or removal of language
- A motion for removal of the language was not second and failed.
- Group was unable to come to an agreement, it was motioned and second (11 In favor , 1 Opposed) that we hold over the letter and discussion until May

The Sherriff stated that if we want to change how the deputies respond to incidents (lights & sirens) he is open to our recommendations. He can arrange a meeting with those who helped create the current policies if we would like to tackle the issue of code responses by deputies.

The Sherriff went over the current policies on running code, as well as, the reason Deputy Bodman was given the written reprimand.

Kathryn Olson - (Leading Advocate for police accountability, Past NACOLE President, & Civilian Director of Seattle Police Department Office of Professional Accountability)

Briefly went through the Power Point she will be presenting tomorrow at the “Community Forum on Police Oversight in Spokane County”:

Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement

- Volunteer Community members or paid practitioners
- 200+ oversight entities in the U.S.
- NACOLE

Models of Civilian Oversight

- Common names for oversight models or structures
 - Investigate
 - Auditory or Monitor
 - Review Board or Oversight Commission
 - Police Commission
 - Inspector General

- Functions of Civilians Oversight
 - Accept and refer police misconduct complaints
 - Investigate complaints
 - Monitor or audit internal affairs investigations
 - Roll out to critical incidents
 - Conduct hearings and decide police discipline matters
 - Handle discipline appeals
 - Recommend improvements to police policy/practices/training
 - Report on oversight efforts and impact on policing
 - Community education and engagement
- Benefits of Oversight
 - Promotes greater accountability and transparency
 - Enhances quality control and risk management
 - Supports effective policing
 - Provides an avenue for community involvement
 - Increases public confidence and trust in the police
 - Protects civil rights
- Expectations for Civilian Oversight
 - Knowledge about police practices and criminal law and procedure
 - Impartial and objective – consider all sides of an incident and re-evaluates when needed
 - Communicates with police stakeholders
 - Complies with confidentiality laws and evidentiary standards
 - Engages the community
 - Inspires respect and confidence
- Assessing the CAB's Oversight Role
 - Independent
 - Core Competencies for Oversight
 - NACOLE Ethical Standards
 - Transparent
 - Review Policies and Practices of Sheriff's Office
 - Support of Sheriff's Office and Government Officials
 - Access to Sheriff's Office and Government Officials
 - Community Engagement
 - Adequate Funding
 - Ample Authority

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm

Next Meeting:

May 9, 2016 at 5:30 pm at CenterPlace at Mirabeau Point Park (2426 N. Discovery Place Spokane Valley, WA 99216)

Minutes Submitted by
Leigh O'Neill, Secretary