

Marion County Sheriff's Office Community Advisory Committee Meeting

May 12, 2015

MEETING LOCATION: Aurora Fire Station, 21390 Main St. NE, Aurora

6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Review of Minutes (2/17/15)
3. Intelligence Led Policing – *Commander Eric Hlad*
4. New Business / Community Issues/ 2015 Topics
5. Roundtable / Sheriff's Office Update
6. 2015 Meeting Dates and Locations / Closing
 - a. September 15 – Woodburn (hosted by Levi & Terry)
 - b. November 17 - TBD

February 17, 2015
Community Advisory Committee

Members Present – Herb Colomb, Cari Fiske, Greg Leo, Levi Herrera, Gary Rychard, Terry Witter, Steve Staten, Doug VandeGriend

Sheriff's Office Staff Present – Sheriff Jason Myers, Undersheriff Troy Clausen, Commander Sheila Lorange, Sgt. Chris Baldrige, Sara Zavala

1) Welcome; introductions were made.

2) Minutes were approved.

3) Guest Comments: Mr. Clark is the municipal judge in Stayton. The Court is taking violations within city boundaries only, and has been up and running since July. This would be an asset to the Sheriff's Office by providing court probation in some cases. The circuit court can be too busy for some cases when the muni court may be able to take such cases. If the court is ready to enter into an agreement, they will reach out to the Sheriff. The Sheriff said he is available for questions. Cari expressed the value of the Judge's approach in this community. This unique approach is important to the community.

3) Capacity Management Plan Lt. Cox gave an overview of the capacity management plan for the jail. Current capacity is 415; last year we booked over 15,000.

- After we opened the facility in 1999, we need a population plan for the 415 budgetary cap. We have tried many different methods based on an ORS that gives the Sheriff the authority to manage the population, and release decisions are made every day.
- The current system does not contain lodge criteria, but we accept and process everyone and as they are processed they are divided into categories. The first category is a "no go" list where we simply won't release any inmate who comes in these specific charges. Some charges, we release on their own recognizance.
- A "risk to reoffend" score is determined. Another group of inmates are scored but then held until first arraignment. That part of the system helps get the inmate into the system.
- Gary asked if immigration hold have lessened so we have more beds. Lt Cox said it hasn't affected the population. The trigger to cap is 403 so that there is flexibility to move inmates around. At that point, inmate list is printed, and reviewed for potential releases. The Lieutenant spends a lot of time managing this task.
- Glen asked if DOC inmates are transferred to the county jail for trials. Sheriff said they could, but some would stay at DOC. Jail can hold pre-trial and sentenced inmates. The work center can hold 144 inmates for a variety of purposes. It's a constant effort to find appropriate inmates for work center.
- Greg asked if we have a lower number of beds than is generally needed for this area. The jail is usually right near capacity. Sheriff commented that the issue is sustainable

funding. We don't have a lack of jail beds, rather it is a lack of funding. We have a pod that is empty.

- Greg further asked about electronic monitoring. Sheriff said it has been looked into but it is costly. It is used in some parole and probation cases.
- Greg expressed an interest in what offenses stay. Lt Cox said it is a very complex system, and we don't rely on just a number. There are personnel who review the full picture.

4) Recruitment: Cmdr. Lorance shared that we have two or three slots that are open on this committee. Greg asked for info on the requirements for this committee. Doug said that if we can find a defense attorney we should seek their participation in this committee. Glen said we would like to see some diversity brought back to this committee and he thinks that's of great value. Everyone agreed.

5) Interview Panel: Cmdr. Lorance announced that we are developing an interview panel for the office. She would like to see consistency across the agency and some specific training related to this. She said we'd like to bring in some community members and they could also attend training. We enjoy having community members on the panels. Greg said he hopes that everyone on this committee participate in at least one interview. Glen supports this idea and encouraged the group to participate. Send inquires to Sara if you're interested.

6) Nextdoor.com: Sgt. Chris Baldrige passed around his electronic devices which were samples of the nextdoor.com site. Glen shared his experience with his neighborhood site. This is an excellent way to help connect neighbors. There has been some hesitation because it requires some identification. The company does foresee adding specific advertisements in the future. Greg shared a success story - there wasn't a huge interest at first, but after two attempts, it took. He said usable information is valuable. Larry P. said in the rural areas, this is invaluable. Sgt. Baldrige agreed and said it may take more time to spread the word, but is well worth it. Gary said you can send postcards to neighbors based on a map in the system. He also said that nextdoor.com will send goodies for block parties.

7) Roundtable:

Greg said that the north county is happy to host the next meeting on May 12. He commented on the issue with fatal crashes in the Ehlen rd. area. He asked for traffic team support in this area. The northern county law enforcement enhancement district is being worked on and they have estimated the boundary area and sent it for the assessment. He is also dealing with an issue around the water and sewer services for the aurora airport.

Larry P. Said the canyon area has been pretty quiet. Mill city has a new radio station and Larry plans to meet with the owner this week. He hopes to get some PR for the Sheriff's office to start some information. Sheriff Myers said we do radio spots on other stations and we could do something with this new station.

Doug said that it looks like backyard chickens are coming to neighborhoods inside the UGB.

They are planning a picnic shelter for this summer too.

Larry S. said he's been working on contacts to share information with in his community and doesn't hear of any issues.

Gary said a traffic study was conducted recently to review the speed on Starr St. Signage has been changed to make the road 35 for the entire stretch. He is pleased with the partnership with the Sheriff's Office to conduct the three E's. He shared a story about some juveniles causing some trouble in the sublimity area, which has been resolved.

Cari said Stayton is doing well.

Steve said not much in his area, but said that speaks volumes to the work being done.

Terry said he has been working with the Sheriff's Office on education around the train related issues in the Gervais area.

Glen said the issue in north area is the people walking to and from chemeketa, there are no lights and because people park in bike lanes so walkers a forced to walk in the street. This is a major concern for this area and he asked if something could be done.

Sheriff said our budget is due the end of April and the outlook we've heard is that things are improving. We had a few small gains last year, which were much needed. One program that is going away this year is the title III deputy positions. The commissioners may consider a deputy position for the Detroit area to help this loss. The city of Detroit is working on funding part of a position. We did have a conversation about the north/east Salem area, which won't be annexed into the city. A levy to fully fund the jail is also being examined. Sheriff Myers is also serving as president of the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association. Greg asked if the Sheriff would share information about marijuana. OLCC is tasked with setting the rules and regulations and they are on a road tour accepting community input now. This will be a very difficult topic to navigate. Gary asked about marine patrols; Sheriff said it is funded by the Marine Board. Gary also asked about hiring; sheriff said the hiring is going well. Cmdr. Lorance added that we have a large recruitment fair coming up. Glen asked if any advisory members are needed for budget support. He also offers to set up any community meetings in the Hayesville area. Cari brought up that there are commissioner meetings around the county (Stayton, Woodburn, Salem, Keizer).

Cmdr. Lorance said she had added the jail capacity plan to the agenda faced on the group feedback, and if there are any other topics, please let us know. Greg asked for a copy of the charge list or the capacity management plan. He would like to decipher the charge. Sheriff encouraged this group to consider that the inmate photos online capture a person on their worst day. Sgt Baldrige said that he will put something together.

Sgt. Baldrige said he is in the process of purchasing a second radar trailer. He announced that his unit is taking over the Cadet Unit. The first order of business is the graffiti abatement program. He is wrapping up the first full year of proactive work, and they had over 1,500 cases in the area. They are working hard to ensure trash is cleaned up, yards mowed, cars parked appropriately, etc. The unit does its best to work with homeowners. There are two officers who do this work. Doug asked about vacant homes. Chris said they have great relationships with the banks. The system can sometimes be slow, but they are working through this process. He encouraged residents to participate in the nextdoor.com program. He finally announced that they have a billboard education plan.

Undersheriff Clausen extended an invite to this committee to attend any part of the Crisis Intervention Training. This is the mental health training. Send Sara an email if you are interested. This is an important topic in law enforcement. Dash cams and body cams continue to be worked on in our office. Dash cams have reduced the number of complaints.

Topics for May or September: Intelligence Led Policing, Effects of Marijuana Legalization.

Glen asked the Sheriff to write a letter of appreciation to Ken Hector for his participation on this committee. We may present this in a group setting.

Greg asked about what will happen with drug detection k9's; he hopes any retirements are celebrated.

Sheriff talked about the believe concept. There is the potential to start a foundation or 501(c)3. We continue to move this concept forward and this committee is part of those efforts. *This will be a future topic.*

Motion to adjourn made by Gary; Greg seconded. Adjourned at 8:20.

2015 Meeting Dates & Locations -

February 17 - Cari & Gary: Stayton at Covered Bridge Cafe.

May 12 - Greg in Aurora.

September 15 - Levi & Terry in Woodburn.

November 17 -