

Marion County Sheriff's Office

Community Advisory Committee Meeting

November 19, 2019 Agenda

MEETING LOCATION: Marion County Public Safety Building, 3610 Aumsville Hwy SE, Salem

6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Committee Business:
3. Roundtable Community Issues
4. Sheriff's Office Updates
 - a. Mental Health Teams Update
 - b. East Salem Service District Update
 - c. Community Crime Mapping
 - d. Reentry Services Update
 - e. Handout: MCSO Organizational Chart

2020 Meeting Dates:

2/18

5/12 *note this is the second Tuesday

9/15

11/17

MCSO Advisory Committee Meeting 9-17-19

Members: Glen Radar, Walter Schuh, Cari Sessums, Gary Rychard, Terri Witter, Oscar Quijano

Guests: Nichole Tarter

MCSO Members: Cmdr. Tad Larson, Cmdr. Kevin Karvandi, Cmdr. Eric Hlad, Undersheriff Jeff Wood, Sheriff Joe Kast

1. **Introductions** – Glen opened the meeting at 6:30. He welcomed the group and asked for introductions.
 - He introduced Nichole Tarter who is lead for the Jan Ree neighborhood group. He explained what this group does and asked Nichole to share some of her experiences in working as a liaison between the neighborhood and county.
 - She is working on paperwork for a formal neighborhood association.
 - She also shared the strategies she's used with the help of her neighbors to curb crime problems and take care of neighbors.
 - Glen and Nichole commented on the effectiveness and helpfulness of nextdoor.com and other social media channels.
 - Gary asked for crime statistics for the East Salem area.
 - Sheriff added that we have five more deputies that are being assigned to the ESSD in the coming month.
 - Sheriff also added that they Boys & Girls Club has received a donated piece of property off Winema Pl. This is a great partnership for our office as well; Sheriff Kast is on the board. This is a positive connection with those kids in the area as well.
 - Nichole said she has a group email and a Facebook group for her neighborhood.
 - Glen said the change in leadership at Public Works has changed the attitude of the entire department. They are making things happen; lights are going up as part of a sidewalk project.

2. **Community Issues:**
 - Terry –
 - Bauman Farms is ready to start the pumpkin patch 9/21 through end of October. Major traffic impact.
 - Marion County Reentry Initiative is also coming up in October.
 - Mental health articles recently seen; hopes that our deputies are good. Sheriff Kast said we have a Peer Support program; psychologist specialists that are accessible for law enforcement.

- Cari –
 - Supports the reentry initiative. Just celebrated 10 years of the breakfast last year; Janet Carlson spearheaded these efforts. Paige Clarkson initiated a program in some situations, those convicted of drug crimes can retain their license if they are in treatment.
 - Stayton PD is in a bit of chaos; lost the chief who was there for 20 years. A lieutenant also retired soon thereafter. There is a temporary chief and another retired officer who have come on to help transition. Hopes that things get ironed out.
 - Gary shared info about First Lube Plus has special deals for those reentering community.
 - Gearing up for Community Dinner – concerned about the local pd's ability to deliver, so she's hoping SAR Jeep team can help.
- Walter –
 - Offered advocacy for public safety funding.
 - Firearms – many people want to shoot. Asked for clarification for noise concerns in evening/night for individuals who are disrupting the neighborhood.
 - **Walter asked about public cameras; Sheriff would have to check on this.**
 - **Walter asked for help with what other Neighborhood Watch groups are doing; we will connect him with CRU Sgt. Landers and Coordinator Jessica Peterson.**
 - Another concern: For vehicles sitting outside your home, please call in suspicious vehicle, if concerned. Also mentioned dispatch line disconnected.
- Gary –
 - just had the harvest festival in Sublimity. Increase from Traffic Team. Expressed gratitude for TST on Highway 22.
 - Clarification for dispatch – Highway 22 is OSP area; if they're unavailable, it may be routed back to MCSO.
 - NNO around 400 attendees.
 - Asked about mental health teams – **MCSO will coordinate the team to attend the next meeting.** Nichole also asked for the team to swing by her neighborhood meeting; Dep. Bangs can help.
- Oscar –
 - currently OSC commander for Oregon National Guard; 1249th engineers. Been with MCSO Advisory Committee for several years.
 - Homelessness continues to be an issue; traffic is also a concern in the

area.

- Industrial buildings on Lancaster are bringing more traffic.
- Foot traffic is also concern relating to those walking from jail area.
- Mental health is important topic; army has only resiliency training. Would like to know what happens in the community related to this topic. Cmdr. Larson added that locally, we have they Psychiatric Crisis Center that takes walk ins; MC Health Department also has juvenile services (not yet 24-hour) related to mental health concerns. This help is available. Gary asked for juvenile contact.

3. Sheriff's Office Updates

- LEAD program update –
 - Undersheriff Wood shared information on the relatively new LEAD program. The goal is to divert eligible individuals away from jail and into supports and resources to not engage with the criminal justice system. The concept comes from Seattle area.
 - Foundation grant for \$90,000 was received that started laying the foundation for the program.
 - Navigator has quite a story, but has turned his life around and now connects individuals with services.
 - After a year, we applied for a grant through the Bureau of Justice Assistance, and were awarded two categories (which was thought to be very unlikely) for a total of about \$1.3 million.
 - We expanded to three LEAD navigators and a Program Coordinator.
 - 37 currently enrolled in program; high degree of accountability built in.
- ESSD –
 - Getting folks through training.
- Recruitment team update from Cmdr. Hlad –
 - Working toward efficiencies in the hiring process.
 - Terry asked for the timeline from inquire to hiring.
 - Exploring quarterly hiring to group people into lists for open recruitments.
- Cmdr. Larson mentioned that there was a bulletin recently related to individuals who may be selling items in neighborhoods.

These are set for the third Tuesday. Next meeting is 11/19/19.