

# Marion County Sheriff's Office

## Community Advisory Committee Meeting

September 17, 2019 Agenda

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

**6:30 pm to 8:00 pm**

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1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Committee Business:
  - a. Nichole Tarter – Community Group
3. Roundtable Community Issues
4. Sheriff's Office Updates
  - a. LEAD Update
  - b. ESSD Update

2019 Meeting Dates and Locations:

2/19  
5/14  
9/17  
11/19

## **MCSO Community Advisory Committee – 5/14/19**

Members Present: Terry Witter, Gary Rychard, Glen Rader, Marilyn Long

MCSO Present: Sheriff Jason Myers, Commander Eric Hlad, Commander Joe Kast, Sara Zavala, Dep. Chris Bangs

- 1) **Welcome and Introductions** – Meeting began at 6:31
- 2) **Committee Business** – Sheriff suggested reviewing the committee membership list; recruit more members.
- 3) **Roundtable Community Issues** –
- 4) **Sheriff's Office Updates**
  - Sheriff Myers Retirement – application for position is open. Commander Joe Kast has applied, word of second interested person. Commissioners will conduct interview and decide on replacement. Expect decision by end of June to take lead July 1. Glen commented on how much Sheriff Myers will be missed. He listens to people. Gary said Sheriff hasn't forgotten where he came from. Sheriff will be working with OSSA on lobbying for public safety issues at the legislature. Undersheriff Clausen's retirement date is July 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - **East Salem Enhanced Service District** – Cmdr. Kast said all positions are filled with deputies in training and at academy; one working in district. Dep. Bangs is working in ESSD. 4444 State St. is one substation; Chemeketa security location is the other substation. Outfitting these with docking stations for computers. Glen said they were supposed to get deputies assigned to their areas; Cmdr. Kast said the assigned deputies will be helping each other, so they may crossover north and south. Glen also asked about union concerns; the shift bidding needs to be figured out. There are concerns with people running stop signs. Dep. Bangs said he's taking some time (changing hours up) to "gather intel" and understand the neighborhoods, cars that frequent there, getting familiar with people. He commented the new East Salem patrol cars are more visible. Glen said Chris is doing a great job. Glen said there's 1.4 million on the line; Sheriff said getting things set as quickly as possible, but want to do it right. Gary said Dep. Bangs truly set the bar in Sublimity and he does a great job. Special District meeting is tomorrow with Commissioners.
  - **Homelessness** – Sheriff Myers commented on the work with homeless population. A task force between city and county was developed a while ago; there was a coordinator who was hired to help carry out strategies, but they're more big picture. Sheriff said we've looked at best practices and there's a model out of Florida that has some good aspects. It's a difficult issue. Commissioner Willis has an interest in working on this issue; Sheriff met with him to provide some thoughts on the matter.

There's a program from Lane County that was looked at. Camps are set up and there are issues. Lane County had some land and they developed a housing complex with rules and sanitization plans. People then graduate through the program and move up to other supports to help them get on track. Crisis Outreach Response Team does engage this population; LEAD (Law enforcement assisted diversion) also works with this population – **This may be a good presentation topic; Jeff and Josh.** The county continues to work with City of Salem on this issue. Marilyn asked about the Unitarian Church; they had considered providing land for one of these communities; there were issues with building on the property. Terry wanted this issue to be kept in mind.

- **East County deputy** – title 3 position will be filled by beginning of summer. There has been a planning session regarding north fork already this year. Deputies have been working on the lake; debris sweep is set for 5/20.

#### 5) **Roundtable Community Issues** –

**Terry** - Added Homeless issue to the agenda.

**Marilyn Long** – **ESSNA** – awaiting East Salem Service District deputies.

**Glen** – traffic has been an issue as the lighting project ramps up. Concerned about door to door salespeople. A few mailboxes have been broken into.

**Commander Hlad** – Moved to Operations Division; working on hiring process to ensure we are very competitive. Tightening timelines to help keep recruits moving through so we don't lose to other agencies. Heading to Civil conference this week; new area of responsibility.

**Sheriff Myers** – Debrea has relocated to Arizona and had to resign from this committee. East Salem Service District – thanked this group for showing up and sharing thoughts and support for this project. It passed; we have the fee in place and it will show on the property tax roles. A town hall is coming up for the East Salem Service District that will be a conversation on a variety of topics. Sara has sent this group a flyer on this.

**Gary** – South county report – Albus Rd house has been cleaned up. County code is working to get nearby house cleaned up. Thanked the MCSO for the help cleaning things up; crime rate went way down after cleanup. Sheriff added that code enforcement has been working to get a more assertive approach on these issues. Huge subdivision going into Sublimity (phase 1 is 92 homes, next is 120 unit apartment complex). Concerned about traffic in the area.

2019 Future Meeting Dates:

5/14

9/17 Requested items: LEAD program update;

11/20 –

Adjourned at 7:15