

Marion County Sheriff's Office

Community Advisory Committee Meeting

September 20, 2016

MEETING LOCATION: Marion County Jail, 4000 Aumsville Hwy SE, Salem

6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

1. Welcome & Introductions (new member)
2. Committee Business:
 - a. Review of Minutes (5/10/16)
3. East Salem Levy Information
4. Roundtable Community Issues
5. Sheriff's Office Update

2016 Meeting Dates and Locations:

2/16 - hosted by MCSO at the Jail
5/10 – hosted by MCSO at the Jail
9/20 - hosted by MCSO at the Jail
11/15 - hosted by TBD

May 10, 2016 - Community Advisory Committee Meeting

Members Present: Cari Fiske, ~~Greg Leo, Oscar Quijano~~, Glen Rader, Larry Parrish, Gary Rychard, Terry Witter, Herb Colomb, ~~Mark Messmer, Doug Van de Griend, Jose Gonzalez, Levi Herrera,~~ Shirley DeShon, ~~Kevin Fredinburg~~

Sheriff's Office Present: Sheriff Jason Myers, Cmdr. Sheila Lorange, Lt. Chris Baldrige, Cmdr. Eric Hlad, Sara Zavala

Guests:

Michelle Vlach-Ing (ESSNA member)

1) Welcome & Introductions

2) Committee Business

- Gary Moved to approve 2/16/16 minutes, Cari seconded. All aye.
- Bylaw changes were discussed; Glen explained changes. **Sara will email the new version out after they are signed by the Sheriff.**

3) Recruitment - Lt. Baldrige shared our new Recruitment Video.

Hiring Process - Lt. Baldrige shared a flow chart that explained the hiring process steps. Shirley asked for sample questions for the interview panel. Lt. Baldrige explained that a prospective employee should do research on the agency and should consider talking to employees.

4) North Fork Update - Commander Eric Hlad provided an update on the North Fork issues and plans for this year. Deputy Mark Ferron will start working east of Mehama to help address concerns that increase over the summer months. Dep. Ferron will address known problem areas, coordinate with residents who live in the area, identify abandoned or unoccupied properties, use Traffic Safety Team for traffic issues. Timber companies will often send a trespass letter ahead of time so that Sheriff's Office can take action immediately when unauthorized persons are found. Public Works has other projects in the works that should help get at some of the concerns; paid parking, improved parking areas, glass bottle ban. BLM allocates about 23k for OT monies for patrol on federal forest land. Mark is a former fireman and is a Search and Rescue Overhead team member. He will be meeting with partners. Mark will also be following up on burglary concerns in wintertime near Detroit, which has been concern raised by some members. Lt. Baldrige said his Community Resource Unit assists patrol with things like, work crew cleanup, special projects, etc. Glen asked about Marine Patrol; they will be up at Detroit. Sheriff and Undersheriff are meeting with Linn County Sheriff and Undersheriff next week to talk about continuing to work collaboratively, which has been the experience.

Sara will send prior minutes to Shirley.

5) Community Roundtable

Gary - There has been an increase in Traffic Enforcement in Sublimity in response to some speeding concerns.

Larry - Things hopefully will be safer in the North Fork Road, as federal funds have been provided to fix some roads. Larry mentioned the recent Public Safety Town Hall. Sheriff said it went very well; 300 participated, with about 100 maintaining through the hour. Larry liked the phone in access. North fork cleanup - 50 volunteers helped out, which was great. They cleaned 17 miles up North Fork Rd. SAR provided lunches. Larry said his property is a smoke free zone; he's working on a Blues and Brews event and will sell 200 tickets. The phone box was damaged; in the works of being replaced; Larry asked about a camera potential.

Shirley - Back from Arizona; daytime burglaries in Keizer neighborhood.

Cari - Homelessness seems to be increasing; camping in parks and town. Properties near meadows (in Stayton) back up against County property. Sheriff said the Mid Valley Homeless Initiative has been formed to try to address this issue. Affordable housing is difficult right now; people are being pushed out to smaller communities, but resources are not accessible (transportation, treatment). Sheriff met with federal delegation to push this issue of affordable housing. Sheriff says if you want to help, give to charitable organizations who have programs and support for these people.

Herb - Within the last year, Mildred Drive has been extended and there haven't been any crosswalks added to help kids safely cross the street to the middle school. Sheriff offered to bring this issue up at a Salem/County meeting.

Glen - Asked by Commander Lorance to write a letter of support for body cam grant application. He's also working on a letter of support for the Mobile Crisis team. Water pump went out in neighborhood; will be digging up street to replace pipes.

Guest Comments:

Michelle –

- Concerns about speeding on 62nd, 67th, Pennsylvania and Connecticut; Street lights are still being worked on.
- Issues with people living in cars or parking and living in RVs.
- Nextdoor.com has been a helpful tool for neighbors.
- Racing issue is ongoing.
- Working on National Night Out planning; looking for vendors.

6) Sheriff's Office Updates -

Sheriff Myers –

- Handed out card for Morning Star Church Law Enforcement appreciation day on Sunday, May 15th at 11:00.
- Sheriff presented information on a levy to increase police presence in the East Salem area. Average of 6 deputies per shift, with one sergeant. Sheriff asked for feedback. Looking at levy for county resident (outside the city). Glen is interested in the cost and asked for it to be provided. The levy would be specific to law enforcement for patrol positions. Shirley asked about marketing. Simplified numbers are important to Shirley; don't use lots of terminology. Glen said residents don't want to be taxed out of their homes, so he's interested in how much it would cost. Larry and Glen are willing to help organize community area meetings. Sheriff said we're going to need to prioritize calls for service based on the call load. We're losing good people to other agencies where they have more resources. Undersheriff Clausen said we want feedback to find out what services people are willing to explore. Herb asked if this interfaced with the insurance costs; this would be something to look into. Gary said the school board put together a community based committee that drove the levy; a bond passed. The "government entity" took a back seat. Sheriff asked if the group would support reasonable figures. Group said yes. Sheriff said this question was asked on the recent telephone town hall and there was 70% support in favor. This committee will be important to this project. Group would like to have the dollar figures.

7) Next Meetings – 11/15/16.

Meeting adjourned 8:28.