

Law Enforcement Advisory Board Meeting FEBRUARY 7, 2017

Meeting was called to order by Tony Carter at 4:00pm with the following in attendance: x denotes presence

X Paul Soptick
X Patrick Dunn
X Scott Mackey
X Reed Partridge
Lee Brown
Lt Col Bob Gunja
X Dixie Kaster
X Don Jolley
X Tony Carter
Maria Cecilia Ysaac
Terry Zeigler
Tyrone Garner
Irene Caudillo
X Don Ash
Mary Hopkins
X Rodney Smith
X Kelli Bailiff

Reed opened with a presentation on the Language Services Follow up Audit, Police Department and Sheriff's Office.

The original audit outlined several resources available for interpreting services for law enforcement. Nevertheless, 42% of KCKPD officers disagreed with the statement "*I have adequate resources available when I have a communication need.*" Similarly 34% of the WYSO deputies disagreed with the same statement. Table 1 is an excerpt of the survey results presented in the May 2015 Language Services Audit. Based on those survey results the May 2015 audit recommended the KCKPD and WYSO update its general orders and develop strategies to increase awareness of existing resources.

Table 1

*May 2015 Survey
Language Services Audit*

I have adequate resources available when I have a communication need.

	Disagree	Neutral	Agree
Kansas City Kansas Police Department	42%	27%	30%
Wyandotte County Sheriff's Office	34%	29%	37%

SOURCE: 2015 LANGUAGE SERVICES AUDIT

The follow-up audit is to determine managements progress in implementing the audit

RESULTS

Finding and Recommendation #1

The May 2015 audit reported the PSBO did not obtain authorization from personnel knowledgeable interpreting services before payment. Paying invoices without proper authorization increases the risk of making payments above the contracted rate. The audit recommended interpreting invoices be reviewed and approved by personnel knowledgeable prior to payment.

Status – Completed

A review of interpreting invoices paid during the follow-up audit period by the PSBO on behalf of the KCKPD showed costs were authorized by command staff over the Criminal Investigative Division before payment.

Finding and Recommendation #2

Survey results from the May 2015 audit indicated not all KCKPD personnel were aware of the resources available to them for handling language barriers. The audit concluded effective communication of those resources could be an issue since the department made translation resources available. The original audit recommended the KCKPD consider updating the general orders and create a central point of contact on each shift specifically for language services to increase awareness.

Status – In Process

A policy review to address the recommendation is scheduled for February 2017.

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A question was asked about an officer making a traffic stop and encountering a person that has a language other than English. The answer was that we usually have officers on duty that can respond to that call and if not they can use the interpreting services hot line.

Lt. Col Rodney Smith (for Chief Zeigler) said that they started a new class with 11 recruits.

The Police Dept has been approved to hire one new Cadet and 1 new Animal Services Officer.

Col Smith stated that there were approx. 350 drive-by shootings in 2016 up from 99 in the past year.

The PD is gearing up to suppress crime by enacting a nation wide model (DDACTS) using crime data as well as traffic data in certain areas of the city that has high crime statistics.

Sheriff Ash said that it is getting harder to find good recruits. They had 5 apps in December and lost 3 in the background checks. They received 3 apps in January.

The Sheriff's Dept finished development of the physical agility test as prescribed by the DOJ the Dept did not have and will test the first group in the week following the LEAB meeting, with dates set for all testing in 2017.

Wyandotte County Lake opens March 4th, so deputies will continue to monitor and patrol the park. Kelli Bailiff was promoted to Major in charge of operations.

There were other promotions and moves to better operate the Sheriff's Department.

The body cam's had a glitch in the download to the server but has been addressed and corrected. The in car cameras had to be replaced with new cameras because of manufacturer error.

The 4th amendment was discussed in the use of the body cameras, with the Deputy having the discretion weather to leave the camera on or turn it off. City Legal reviewed this and passed off on this usage.

There were 400 in custody WITH NO FARM-OUTS SINCE DEC 20TH

We adjourned at 5:10

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