

Law Enforcement Advisory Board Meeting February 12, 2020

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X Paul Soptick
X Scott Mackey
X Reed Partridge
Lt Col Bob Gunja
Dixie Kaster
X Don Jolley
Tony Carter
Maria Cecilia Ysaac
X Irene Caudillo
Don Ash
Mary Hopkins
X Joan DeMoss
Dan Soptic
Jeffry Fewell
X Michael York
Terry Brockman
X Kevin Steele
David Thaxton
Lynn Melton
JONAS CRUZ
Larry Roland
Pam Waldeck

Casey Meyer

Kent Anderson

Paul Soptick opened the meeting at 4:00pm

Paul asked Chief York about an incident at 912 Lyons on Monday 2-10-2020 approx 10:30. He responded that a search warrant was executed at that address and a number of weapons were recovered.

Don Jolley asked about the incident at Great Wolf Lodge. Chief York responded that a suspect had brought a weapon into Great Wolf and threatened harm. The PD was called and set up a perimeter, evacuated the wing the perp was in and proceeded to talk the perp into giving himself up with no injuries to him or anyone else. He was taken to the physiological ward at KU for evaluation.

Chief York said we have had 4 homicides in January 2020 with all 4 solved. He stated we solved 62% of all homicides in 2019 which was down from previous years that were at 75% or better. One homicide was a justifiable homicide with a home owner defending himself and family in a home invasion where the home owner shot and killed one of the bad guys. He talked about the incident at the Pizza Hut at 43rd and Rainbow where a driver was attacked by three persons in masks and was killed in a shoot out. He wounded one of the perps who sought medical attention at Truman Medical Center and was taken into custody along with another of the suspects. One suspect is still at large.

Irene Caudilio asked about the youth that was killed at 81st and Greeley. Chief Your said a young man was selling bogus marijuana and the suspect came back after the purchase and shot the youth selling the bogus drugs. The shooter and driver are in custody.

Don Jolley asked about the American Inn at 78th and I70. Chief York said that hotel is not a very good place to stay. There are many suicides, homicides etc which makes it undesirable to stay at.

The PD hired a media relations specialist. The person hired is a middle aged female who's function will include working on policies, work on social media and will assist the Public Information Officer, but will be civilian and not a law enforcement officer.

The PD will hire 3 Intel analysisist. They will be tasked with the video cameras at intersections within the city. KCK will be working with KCMO and have access to their cameras. They will be handling the Kansas open records request. They will also work with "Ring" cameras around the city.

The DOJ came to KCK and KCMO and said we were two cities chosen to help fight crime and gave us 1.5 million to help reduce crime. One thing we will get is a software program called Street Smart which mines our data based and gives officers real time data to fight crime. KCK spent \$450,000 on license plate readers for our cars, cameras, the Street Smart Program and storage for our data.

The PD got a grant to take two of our dogs from our kennel and train them to be "Comfort Dogs" After they are trained they will just hang out at the station and be there for anyone that can use them. Independence Missouri have comfort dogs and say they provide comfort and stress relief to officers and others. Each dog will have a handler and take him home every night. They will be able to take the dogs to dispatch where the stress level is very high.

The PD started their class about 3 weeks ago and have 26 cadets in the traditional class and 4 in the lateral class.

Legislative Auditor Reed Partridge reviewed his work on the following.

AUDITS ISSUED & IN-PROCESS

Adult Detention Center Video Surveillance Audit, Dec 2019

- ✓ Documented policies and procedures during engagement
- ✓ Establish Use of Force Coordinator to review surveillance video

AUDITS ISSUED & IN-PROCESS

Animal Services Cash Collections Audit

- ✓ Fieldwork & testing ongoing
- ✓ Animal Services facility undergoing remodeling / refurbishing

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Commission and Mayoral Travel Report

- ✓ To be issued Feb 13, 2020

Adjourned 5:04pm

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