

## Law Enforcement Advisory Board Meeting Sep 9, 2020 via ZOOM

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

Paul Soptic opened the ZOOM meeting at 4:00pm

LaRon Thompson was introduced as a new member of the LEAB .

LTC Fewell reported the following on behalf of Sheriff Ash:

Juvenile Detention moved to new building at 738 Ann. The population is 29 juveniles ages 10-17, typically, 17.

During the pandemic the Adult Detention Center has prevented inmate infection of COVID-19. 2 infected inmates were booked and released during pandemic. One inmate was sent to KU Medical for reasons other than COVID. 5 Sheriff deputies have been infected with the virus over the past 5 months. The Juvenile District Court will move to the Juvenile Center Sept 21.

Sheriff's Department will graduate 16 deputies on Sept 17<sup>th</sup>.

Asst Chief Haulmark reported the following on behalf of Chief York:

During the pandemic 2 employees tested positive for COVID 19. Approximately 190 officers have been exposed through their contact with the public. Quarantine protocols implemented for those exposed.

Since July 8, Police Communications has operated from Johnson Co. due to remodel and upgrades to the Police Communications facility. Police Communications is authorized 41 dispatchers and operating with 24 with 9 going through training. There are 5 part time dispatchers.

Authorized sworn positions was reduced from 369 to 345. Currently there are 338 with 7 vacancies. More retirements/vacancies are expected by the end of the year.

There is a new class starting in January with 15 applicants. There are 4 white males, 2 white females, 2 black males, 2 Hispanic males. The other 5 applicants are still in process.

The Police Department anticipates receiving CARES ACT funding reimbursement for a transport vehicle.

The Police Department is scheduling a Ride Along for LEAB member LaRon Thompson.

LaRon Thompson asked who provides officer weapons and if those weapons have safeties. S Haulmark answered that officer are responsible for purchase of their own weapon. The weapon usually is a Glock 17 or 19. The weapons do not have the traditional safety.

LTC Fewell noted Sheriff's Deputies also purchase their own weapons and are limited to Glock handguns and they are without the traditional safety.

LEAB member Irene Caudillo asked about the Homicide on 32<sup>nd</sup> street at the end of August and was concerned it was linked to Harmon High School. Asst Chief Haulmark indicated that it was not.

Reed Partridge reported that Sheriff Ash recommended the next meeting be located at KCKPD HQ in person if safety protocols could be in place.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50pm