

Law Enforcement Advisory Board Meeting MAY 9, 2018

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X Paul Soptick
X Patrick Dunn
X Scott Mackey
Reed Partridge
Lee Brown
Lt Col Bob Gunja
X Dixie Kaster
X Don Jolley
X Tony Carter
Maria Cecilia Ysaac
Terry Zeigler
Tyrone Garner
X Irene Caudillo
X Don Ash
X Mary Hopkins
Rodney Smith
Kelli Bailiff
Joan DeMoss
Carol Diehl
Dan Soptic
Jeffry Fewell
Michael York
Terry Brockman
Curtis Nicholson

X Kevin Steele

Tony Carter opened the meeting at 4:00pm

Sheriff Ash reported that they graduated 5 new deputies but had 3 resignations. The next class is scheduled for June 11 with 9 applicants receiving conditional offers of employment subject to their screening process, physic, physical, etc.

The Sheriff's Department has raised their starting salaries to within \$100.00 of the police department to attract new hopefuls to the Sheriff's Department and to address the problem of retaining good qualified trained deputies.

The Sheriff's Department will be using more social media in their recruiting process because of the overwhelming use of ie: facebook, twitter etc.

Sheriff Ash also stated the department will follow every candidate from their initial application to their conditional offer of employment and into their training to make sure that they do not lose any potential

deputies to conflicts in or out of the department. He also stated that the quality of the candidates is remaining high.

The sheriff's department has a problem with the traditional use of the gun range in Bonner Springs, but the Police Department has opened up their range to the deputies for their training.

Sheriff Ash stated that it is time to start on next year's budget. Some big items are already funded, such as the Juvenile Center and some deferred maintenance projects. They are having all elevators in the jail replaced. It took 3 months to replace and test the first one and expect all elevators to be operational by years end.

Sheriff Ash stated that they have 3 of the abandoned houses down with the next 3 coming down with the new parking lot behind the Memorial Hall to be complete by June or July. After that they will break ground for the new juvenile facility in September and expect to move in around Christmas of 2019.

The Sheriff's Department started their new Citizen Academy with 8 citizens the first session and 2 more expected for session 2. There were 2 no show-no call applicants. The Academy is six weeks long, Tuesdays for 4 hours.

Sheriff Ash said he has assigned one deputy to the parks, mostly Wyandotte County Lake. The deputy and two captains will be training in Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) to address issues in the park. One CPTED technique to reduce crime is to cut shrubs and ground cover to no more than 3' tall and to trim trees etc to no lower than 7'. This makes for better line of sight so bad guys cannot hide as easily. The goal of this training is to make the parks more attractive to more neighbors and families.

Tony Carter thanks Sheriff Ash for all he does and shares with the community.

Adjourned 4:40 pm.

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