

Law Enforcement Advisory Board Meeting SEPTEMBER 12, 2018

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X Paul Soptick
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
X Tyrone Garner
Irene Caudillo
X Don Ash
Mary Hopkins
Kelli Bailiff
Joan DeMoss
Carol Diehl
Dan Soptic
Jeffry Fewell
Michael York
Terry Brockman
Curtis Nicholson

X Kevin Steele

David Thaxton

X Lynn Melton

Tony Carter opened the meeting at 4:04pm

Lt Col Tyrone Garner for the Police Department.

Lt Col Garner shared that we have had 27 homicides so far this year. 23 of those have been solved because of the great work of our detectives and that we are well above the national average percentage. He gave credit to Angela Garrison who is the first female in a lead detective position with the KCKPD.

Lt Col Garner mentioned the 2 year old girl hit by a car in the north east, and although the case is still under investigation It looks like the little girl ran into the street and it looks like a very unfortunate accident.

Lt Col Garner advised that two traffic cars were shot up at the traffic division on Leavenworth Road September 10th. A door to the office was shot in the evening and the two cars were shot up the next morning around 11:30am. They have good footage from cameras and good work from outside agencies made possible for a person of interest to be arrested and charged with both shootings.

Lt Col Garner mentioned the old police cadet program where the department recruited youth in high school and carried them through the age of 21 and then they went through due process and were hired on to the PD or Sheriff's dept. The dept. has gotten away from the cadet program and now have a Summer Youth program where we hire youth out of the high schools and pay them during the summer. They do community service work, have mentoring time with various businesses, visit the jail and learn what it takes to be employed as a sheriff deputy. Two of the youth impressed some of the mentors enough that they were offered a job and are now working in the private sector of our city.

There were two recent promotions. Detective Hargota promoted from Detective to Captain and officer Womack to Detective.

There were a number of moves made in personnel.

Captain Owen to 1st shift east patrol; Captain Bower to 2nd shift east patrol; Captain Navaro from investigations to 1st shift west patrol; Captain Maghee to the narcotics division; Captain Michelle Angell from the communications div to the detective div; Captain Simms to night shift west patrol; Captain Louis Vallejo to the communications div.

Sheriff Don Ash talked about officer involved shootings. Over the past year DA Mark Dupree has been talking to law enforcement department heads across the state about officer involved shootings. He concluded after talking to these people and members of the community that we move to best practices that if an agency has a shooting involving an officer or deputy that results in death of a citizen that agency should not be the lead agency in the investigation and that an outside agency should do the investigation. For reasons that Sheriff Ash will leave to Chief Zeigler to address when he is able to be at the LEAB meeting. The highlights are 1. He believes that we have a responsibility to our community to those investigations at least to the KCKPD in respect to these investigations, as you have heard the PD has a 98% solvability rate and that our detectives have the experience and expertise in solving those cases. They believe that working these cases, along with the union that the rights of the officers should be protected and Chief Zeigler has talked to the District Attorney about that issue.

The DA talked to all of us and had that happened in our agency, we do not have the resources to investigate, however we have had homicides that happened in the parks and that is our experience. I told the DA that I would have an outside agency do the investigation. The DA and Chief Zeigler have come to an understanding that both can live with.

The sheriff's office graduated a class on Aug 4th and had 6 graduates. Within the last few days 2 have resigned, one determined that this was not the job for him, and felt he could not keep himself safe and didn't know if he could keep anyone else safe. The other one resigned for personal reasons and said he will be living in Florida soon.

The sheriff's department had 3 applicants in August and 2 have passed. This speaks to the issue of all agencies getting enough good qualified applicants to fill all positions. The dept. has been processing applicants since May for the next class in October and only have 4 applications for the class.

The Court Transport Security Task Force had its initial meeting. The US Marshalls and other experts are working with the dept. along with construction experts because we are looking at building a hard, enclosed sally port area. The task force and others are looking at all the options on how to do a better and more secure transport keeping all safe.

The monies collected for delinquent taxes, unpaid bills, etc. by the tax deputy from Jan 1 to the end of August is almost \$500,000. This is a new tax deputy since January of this year and far surpasses any other effort by any deputies prior to Jan of this year.

Citizen complaints are down 65% this year and we can clearly attribute this to the use of body cameras and in car cameras.

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