

Law Enforcement Advisory Board Meeting NOVEMBER 8, 2017

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

Paul Soptick opened the meeting at 4:00pm

Reed Partridge opened with a brief statement about the last two audits he has accomplished; The Inmate Trust Fund Audit and the Sheriff Department Training Audit.

Reed presented the addition to the UG web site to include the Law enforcement link. The path is WYCKOKK.ORG, DEPARTMENTS, COMMISSIONERS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, LAW ENFORCEMENT, MINUTES. Reed said that the site is public and any information that the board does not want public, i.e.: personal phone, address, etc. should be kept off the site. Reed will build a template for the board to look at and approve before next meeting.

Sheriff Ash said the last class is ready to serve and protect. Although small the class was diverse, 2 African American males, 1 African American female, 1 bi-lingual Latino. The class started with 5 applicants that passed the initial review and 2 that were left over from the September applicants. Of the 7, 1 dropped out and 2 failed the physical testing.

Sheriff Ash will be meeting with HR and county administrator to discuss some incentives to increase the number of applicants such as sign on bonus, or longer term of relocation to KCK.

The sheriff's department is in negotiations with Local 40, AFSCME, and the teamsters with a mandate to have the contracts signed and approved by year end.

He talked about the new Juvenile detention and Youth Services building with 4 contractors that have a chance to bid on the project. The 1st stage will be the parking lot behind Memorial Hall scheduled to break ground in April of 2018, and the Youth services building to break ground in the summer of 2018 with completion by late 2019.

LtCol Tyrone Garner spoke for Chief Zeigler.

He mirrored Sheriff Ash in his assessment about the lack of qualified applicants. He said the last PD class was also diverse with 2 African American males, 2 Hispanic males, 1 white female and 2 white males.

He talked about the promotions in the past month, two captains, two detectives and two sergeants. The PD is hoping to have 20 applicants for the January class.

LtCol Garner mentioned the ACT program and the numbers are showing the accomplishment of all goals set for the program, with another ACT zone possible in 2018.

He also said that with the ACT program showing great results, the KCKPD program will probably be used as a flagship program across the country.

We discussed the officer involved shooting at 13th and Haskell. As an ongoing investigation he could not elaborate but did say that no officers were hurt and that we took 4 very violent offenders off the street.

We discussed the issue at 78th street at I70 as a beef between two actors who the detectives feel very confident will be identified to solve the case. Important to know this incident was not random.

He mentioned that three past officers passed in the last few weeks including Chief Allan Myers.

We discussed the Coming of the holidays and the various programs that are out there to help the needy including the COPPS Christmas program.

We will not meet in December with a motion made to that effect by Reed Partridge and Seconded by Dixie Kaster. Passed unanimously

Adjorned 5:00pm

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