Law Enforcement Advisory Board Meeting SEPTEMBER 11, 2019

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

Tony Carter opened the meeting at 4:00pm

Casey Meyer opened by introducing herself to the board and gave a description of her responsibilities. Tony Carter told Casey that we as a board will vote on anything that needs a unanimous board approval but we do not have an official capacity to make policy or ordinances, we just advise. We discussed the role of the board and read ordinance Sec 2-572

The law enforcement advisory board shall advise the unified commission, county administrator, the sheriff and the chief of police on existing and potential law enforcement problems in the county and the city and shall serve as an informational liaison between the sheriff's department, the police department, the community and the citizenry at large on law enforcement activities, programs and initiatives. The sheriff, the chief of police and/or a command staff designee shall regularly attend meetings of the law enforcement advisory board.

Casey Meyer excused herself as she had another meeting to attend.

Acting Chief of Police Mike York.

Chief York informed us that his first day as Acting Chief will be 9-12-2019. In conversation with County Administrator Doug Bock, he will probably serve until mid spring when the decision will be made for a new chief.

Chief York mentioned the neighborhood signs that were put along 5th st that said "we are watching" and the crime in that neighborhood was down by about 50%.

Chief York said they are recruiting at various locations outside our geographic boundaries. We have 369 sworn positions, from the chief down and as of 9-11-2019 we have 315 positions filled. We have 9 in the academy that should graduate in December.
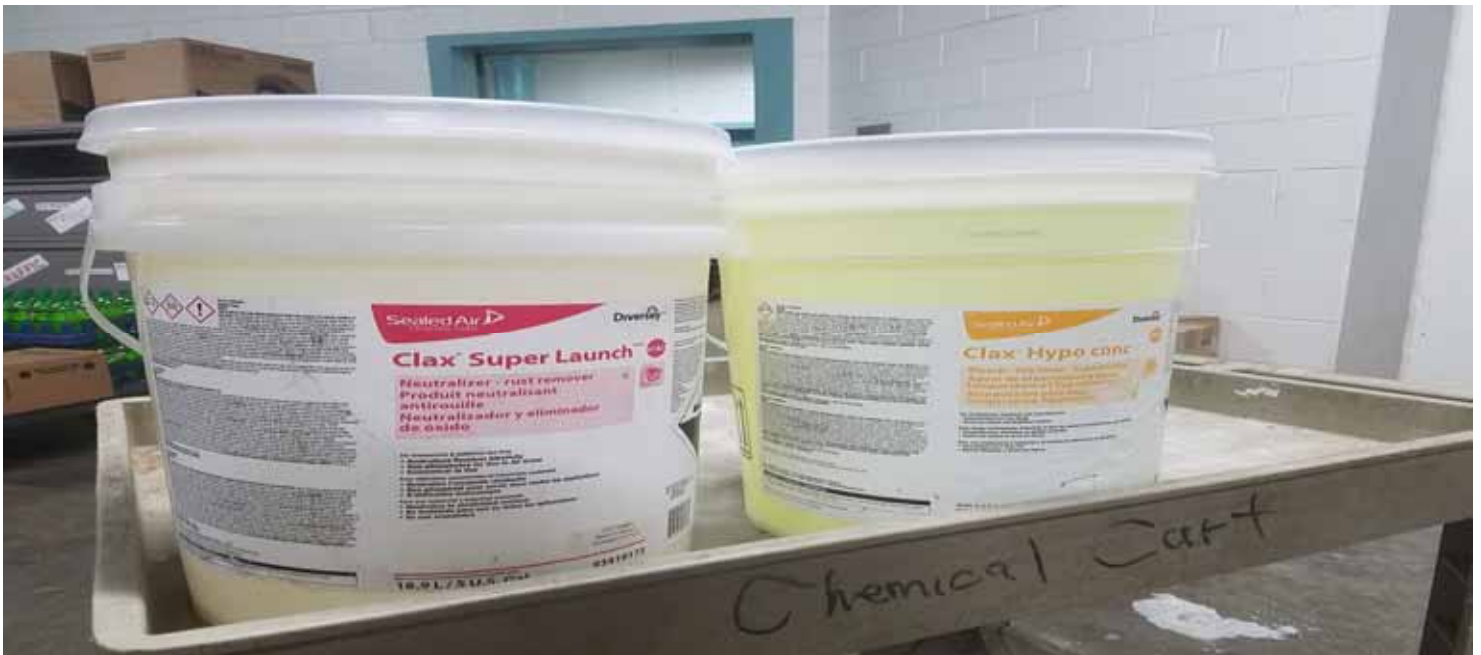
We have 41 budgeted positions for dispatch and as today we have 24 positions filled with 4 in training. Doug Back said if we hire into dispatch or the sheriff's department, they have two years to meet the residency policy.

Their recruitment policy has changed. The recruitment officers are allowed to test right then if someone shows interest in becoming a police officer in KCK. We had 9 people take the test at a university in Illinois. They are in Washburn tomorrow and Emporia the day after and will continue for 90 days. Chief York said there is an interest at these colleges and military bases and believes we will have 20 applicants for the January class. They are working on a recruiting video also that should make a difference in their efforts. The applicants will be hired at $45,000 while going to the academy, so they have no financial difficulties as they move to KCK.

Sheriff Ash said they have 7 in their academy starting Oct 5th.At full staff they are authorized 180 sworn positions. They have 115 detention deputies at full staff but are 20 short.

Sheriff department created a new job classification "Correction Specialist" so they could hire 18, 19, 20 year old individuals that they were confident could handle the job. When they turn 21 they can complete their training and become sworn deputies.

Yesterday (9-10) they had a HazMat incident where they had three inmates on work detail supervised by company that does laundry. The inmates were pouring bleach, part of doing laundry, and in the process there are two different containers that are hard to tell the difference, one bleach and the other chlorine (??) and mixed together form a toxic fume. Some of the inmates and workers were overcame by these fumes and they had to shut down the booking desk. They had to vacate the second floor also but the court house remained open.

Sheriff also mentioned that all the parks were busy all summer long but had no serious incidents.

Adjourned 5:04pm

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