

Law Enforcement Advisory Board Meeting AUGUST 11, 2021

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X Paul Soptick
Scott Mackey
X Reed Partridge
Lt Col Bob Gunja
Don Jolley
Tony Carter
X Irene Caudillo
Don Ash
Mary Hopkins
Joan DeMoss
Dan Soptic
Michael York
X Kevin Steele
X Lynn Melton
Pam Waldeck
Casey Meyer
Kent Anderson
X Kimberly Weaver
Kelly Herron
LaRon Thompson
Abbie Dillard
X Karl Oakman
X Brodrick Crawford

Paul Soptick opened the meeting at 4:03pm.

Reed Partridge

Reed Partridge announced Commissioner Philbrook's new appointment to the LEAB, Brodrick Crawford.

Reed also handed his new report (audit) of the Animal Services to Chief Oakman for his comments and / or questions.

Chief Oakman.

Chief Oakman talked about the formation of a cold case unit consisting of 3 detectives and including one Captain as a Hispanic Community Liaison, to start sometime in 2022. They will be assigned to the homicide unit. The KBI has agreed to be a part of this unit. The unit will look at cold cases from 1980 to 1990 in 2022 because there were a large number of female victims that went missing or killed, not necessarily in the KCK area, but across the nation, and this was start of the widespread use of crack cocaine and in 2023 we will look at the cases from 1990 to 2000. The cold cases are from the ones that have not been adjudicated.

A question was asked about the number of cold cases we have today. Chief Oakman did not know at this time, and will report back to the board at next meeting.

As of today we have had 29 homicides, the department has 22 suspects in custody, and the other 7 they know who allegedly did the crime, but have not collected enough evidence for an arrest.

Chief Oakman talked about the academy and the class in training. We have 2 white males, 2 white females, 1 Hispanic female, 2 Hispanic males, 2 black males and 1 black female. He is looking for another class in November with 12 applicants, and another in April with approx. 20 applicants.

There was a general discussion of Community Policing and adjourned at 4:50

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