

Marion County  
Public Safety Coordinating Council  
Meeting Minutes  
December 9, 2008

Attendees: Walt Beglau, Rod Calkins, Faye Fagel, Judge Tom Hart, Seantel Heisel, Alison Kelley, Pete McCallum, Ed McKenney, Elaine Martin, Bert Ortiz, Joe Parrott, Bob Royer, Olcott Thompson.

Guests: Deputy DA Don Abar, Debbie Baker (for Chief Jerry Moore), Erik Ernst, DHS, Deputy DA Henry Loebe

Staff: Dan Estes, Hitesh Parekh

Quorum Achieved.

Minutes of the October 14, 2008 MCPSCC Meeting

Faye Fagel made a motion to approve the October 14, 2008 MCPSCC meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Judge Tom Hart. The MCPSCC meeting minutes of October 14, 2008 were approved unanimously.

Impacts of Measure 57

Don Abar and Henry Loebe attorneys from the Marion County District Attorney's Office gave a presentation on the local impacts of Measure 57. Mr. Loebe said that the new property offense law is quite complicated and will go into affect on January 1, 2008. Offenses that the accused would be charged with are property offenses, burglary, and theft felonies.

Q: Is there going to be a delay in the implementation of this measure?

A: The State Legislature will make that decision, but as of now, it will go into effect January 1, 2009.

Olcott Thompson said that he thought that there would be an impact on the juvenile system, since a large number of women get involved with identity theft, and while a 13 month sentence may be survivable for them to keep their child, an 18 month sentence will not.

Q: When you're considering sentencing schemes, do you consider the fact that the adult may be a parent - is this one of the variables that's taken into account?

A: It is really up to defendant to help themselves, not up to us to benefit them. If they committed the crime and plead guilty then it's up to them to show that they're changing their life. From our perspective, successful sentencing does not necessarily mean sending a person to prison or getting time added. To us successful sentencing means not ever

seeing that person return. Unsuccessful sentencing is seeing the same person returning again and again, and there is nothing that we can do.

Alison Kelley said that if Measure 57 is implemented and that there is a surge of children going into the child welfare system, this will become a Children & Families Issue.

#### MCPSCC compliance with HB 3369

Hitesh handed out a summary of the MCPSCC's accomplishments for the 2008 calendar year, and said that HB 3369 requires local public safety councils to publish an annual summary of program service or budget changes made in response to the recommendations of the public safety councils. This summary must also be provided to the MCPSCC and the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission. Hitesh said that he would be forwarding the summary to the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission after the MCPSCC reviewed the summary. There was no formal action required on the part of the MCPSCC.

Faye Fagel said that she would like to make an addition to the summary and would forward her comments to Hitesh.

#### MCPSCC Goals and Objectives 2009

Commissioner Milne said that this item was on the agenda as she wanted the Council to begin thinking about the 2009 MCPSCC plan. She added that the Steering Committee could start looking at some ideas and putting these together at their next meeting, so that the full MCPSCC would have a draft to review in January.

Judge Hart suggested that one item they could add was the Use of Force SB 111. He said that that the DPSST has welcomed the MCPSCC to go out and see how they train officers on the use of force. Judge Hart suggested that the press should also be invited to observe the training. This could be an excellent opportunity to educate everyone.

Walt said that this was a great idea, and added that the Sheriff and he were very active in this arena. They had both:

1. Sent a letter to all the cities showing the matrix of requirements,
2. Hoped to set up an interactive forum at the DPSST – a scripted power point for the planning authority,
3. Wanted to generate an educational video that could be used as an informative tool for city councils, law enforcement agencies or even public forums.

Judge Hart said that the unfortunate reality is that over time there will be use of force issues. Police Chief Rick Lewis in Silverton worked hard to get community support in the city and watched it evaporate when people in that community and the press did not understand the dynamics of an officer involved shooting and what the police are supposed to do in this type of a situation. Officers are trained to shoot until the threat stops. So there is a public education aspect. No one likes for any of this to happen.

Walt said that the Steering Committee could discuss this idea at their next meeting.

### Town Hall Meetings

Commissioner Milne said that the first MCPSCC Town Hall meeting was held in Jefferson on December 2, and that Judge Hart, Anna, Tom Sermak, Sheriff Isham, Alison Kelley and herself attended, along with about 15 members from the Jefferson community. The community had done a great job advertising the meeting, the discussion was very informal and ended up being a good trial run.

Commissioner Milne added that it was important to keep in mind that each community has a different way of doing things.

Judge Hart said that the group had mentioned Jefferson Together several times. If the MCPSCC could hold its meeting in conjunction with a group already in existence – attendance would be increased.

Commissioner Milne agreed and said that she was working on setting something up with the Silverton Town Hall Meeting; e.g. inviting Silverton Together and the Silverton Chamber of Commerce.

Adjourned.