

**Marion County Sheriff's Office**  
**Community Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting**

February 17, 2015

MEETING LOCATION: Covered Bridge Café, Stayton

6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

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1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Jail Capacity Management Plan – *Lt. Doug Cox*
3. New Business / Community Issues
4. Roundtable / Sheriff's Office Update
5. 2015 Meeting Dates and Locations / Closing
  - a. February 17 – Covered Bridge Café, Stayton (hosted by Cari and Gary)
  - b. May 12 \*note this is the *second* Tuesday of the month – Aurora Fire Station (hosted by Greg)
  - c. September 15 – Woodburn (hosted by Levi)
  - d. November 17 -

**November 18, 2014**  
**Community Advisory Committee**

Members Present – Herb Colomb, Cari Fiske, Greg Leo, Levi Herrera, Gary Rychard, Terry Witter, Steve Staten, Doug VandeGriend

Sheriff's Office Staff Present – Sheriff Jason Myers, Undersheriff Troy Clausen, Commander Kevin Schultz, Sgt. Chris Baldrige, Sara Zavala

**1) Welcome & Introduction** - Gary Rychard opened the meeting as vice chair. Thanked Herb for setting the location up and thanked Abiqua School for opening the facility for us.

**2) Committee Recap of Year –**

- Cmdr. Schultz said this is the 5th year of the committee's existence and he opened it up for feedback for the future of this committee.
- We've rotated meetings around over the past year and he wondered what the group thought. Greg appreciated the movement because it gets members off of the beaten path.
- Herb said he liked the movement but is disappointed that we haven't had more citizens. Steve agreed; said we should try to get more citizen involvement. Cari said this is an open forum. Sheriff said we could promote the meetings better via Facebook and media release. Herb suggested contacting the Statesman.
- Greg said the information presented is useful - especially the CORT team info.
- Doug added that this past year was our first test of moving around the county; he said nextdoor.com could help promote the committee's public forum.
- Cmdr. Schultz says we don't want this to be the Sheriff's Office-run meeting; the committee members need to feel supported to bring issues forward for discussion.
- US Clausen agreed with getting information out and also notifying contract cities so that we can add. Gary suggested getting info onto KBZY.
- This community meeting structure is important for barrier busting and keeping open communication.
- Cari said the rotating community meetings helps illustrate how deputies have to move around the county too.
- Gary agreed that we should work with neighborhoods and communities to get the info out sooner so that the communities can bring issues up and feel like they're part of the community.
- Sheriff suggested we allocate time for specific issues or topics so that we can let the community know ahead of time what we're presenting on. These could be larger topics that there may be a lot of general interest in.
- Gary suggested checking into publicizing information on CCTV. Sheriff will check into this.
- Greg suggested taking nominations for topics; listening to advisory committee members

for topics too. Cari suggested Parole & Probation as a general topic.

- Cmdr. Schultz said the Sheriff's Office appreciates the participation in the Office interviews. This is a two way street though and he offered the Sheriff's Office participation in community meetings or events that are near and dear to the hearts of committee members. Examples are the Hazelnut Festival in Donald and Cari's Thanksgiving dinner.
- The group can sign up for Sheriff's Office alerts that are delivered via email. Greg gave kudos for the flash alert releases. Gary reminded the group of nextdoor.com.

**Gary suggested we review the minutes from the prior meeting; Motion made by Terry to approve; seconded by Greg. None opposed.**

### **3) New Business / Community Issues -**

**Greg Leo** - Brought up the issues of multiple dispatch services. He said that there could be an issue with things being dropped. Gary gave the topic to the Sheriff. Sheriff Myers said that he believes consolidation is the right thing to do, but it is a tenuous process. The Sheriff and Undersheriff have brought all parties (three dispatch services) to meeting to determine the best course of action and consolidation. Out of that initial meeting, we had a grant opportunity to bring in a consultant to review the service. We put in for a Homeland Security grant which was received and we have put out an RFP for a vendor to review feasibility of consolidation. Two dispatch services have consolidated, but there are still two remaining. This is the biggest hurdle. The vendor finished the product, and the final edits are being reviewed. Once the report is completed, we will pull the parties back together. Issues are governance (Metcom is an ORS190 (equal vote); WVCC is under city and operates with user board) and the funding algorithm. Marion County is under WVCC, but Sheriff Myers agrees with the ORS 190 governance structure. We hope the report will address the issues mentioned. Greg said he has concerns about cost and the vulnerability of the location (i.e., the WVCC building). Gary mentioned that the legislature has this topic on their radar; consolidation on a county's terms seems better than on the legislature's terms. Gary also has concerns about personalized response. He asked is this committee could see the report from the consultant. US Clausen said it's public information and this committee is welcome to see it when it's released. Dispatch centers have backups - Metcom is SCCC and WVCC is LinComm. The backup model works well (WaCom). These are efficient.

**Terry Witter** - thanked the Sheriff's Office for the Citizen's Academy. Terry got to see a mental health team working first hand during his ride along. Terry also mentioned the two teen fatalities on the railroad tracks. Sheriff said he also received a letter from a citizen on this issue; a meeting has been set up to discuss and Terry is welcome to attend. Sara will send him the date.

**Herb** - the power outage took 911 phone lines out. There is a backup plan for these services. Everbridge is a reverse 911 system; if an incident occurs, a message can be sent to every land

line on banks (based on phone subscriber).

**Steve** - Suggested talking about catastrophic events and community response. Herb said everyone should have a 72 hour emergency kit. Group agreed on this topic.

**Levi** - Apologized for missing a few meetings; he wants to remain on this committee. Levi works with immigrant communities. He brought up the issue of drivers cards and expressed some concern over the recent political marking. Levi said that there hasn't been a response of fear for law enforcement, which is good. He explained that the Consular ID cards are difficult to obtain. Greg asked if Oregon ID cards are available; Levi said a SSN is needed for that. Greg asked what happens when someone is without ID. Sheriff said that without being able to determine a person's identity, they could be taken to jail for fingerprinting. If you don't have the required forms of ID, you cannot get a DL in Oregon. There are several island countries that are permitted to be in the US, but can't get licenses now, despite legal presence. The situation is not resolved.

Marion County Children & Families Commission - Levi said that a certificate of rehabilitation was discussed that would identify those who have made significant life improvements. Sheriff added that Ron Hayes is working on this legislative concept. Upon successful completion of supervision, a person could make application and a judge could grant a certificate. There are many questions to be fleshed out, but the concept is being worked on. This doesn't apply to minors; it won't be expungement.

Levi said they (Mano y Mano) just got a grant to work on gang-prevention; more details to come.

**Sgt. Chris Baldrige** - just back to work after being gone for 8 weeks; Working to get the pulse of things. Neighborhood issues are being reviewed; graffiti abatement is a focus. Homeless camp behind Terra Gardens is still being worked on; a community cleanup will be planned.

**Doug** - the Nextdoor.com resource has had an impact in his neighborhood. This has been a great thing for Santana Park. He's very pleased with this new tool. Sgt. Baldrige said neighborhoods are in charge of their sites; the communication is excellent. It's secure and locked down.

**Undersheriff Clausen** - Our office has recently gone to in-car video for 10 vehicles. Body cams are also being explored. Traffic stops are being recorded (audio and video). There are a host of issues to be worked out - expensive, data storage is enormous, etc. Gary commented that he sat in on the RFP process for this and it was a thorough and exhaustive process.

**Cari** - The big issue that she has been hearing about is the passage of marijuana legalization. Cari's business is doing a free community dinner on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. 1400 meals were served last year, 400 of which were delivered by local law enforcement. Suggested a Facebook post or a Nextdoor.com.

**Gary** - Gary asked if anyone gets the Oregon Sheriffs magazine. There was a good article about

the issues Colorado and Washington are facing. Sublimity is making business licenses required not to be in violation of local, state or federal laws. Sheriff said we need to focus our efforts in protecting our kids. Marketing will be aimed at youth. Sheriff and DA Walt Beglau are working with the Children & Families Commission on this issue. OLCC will be in charge of setting rules on the products. There are hurdles for law enforcement on this topic. Another topic to will be the issue with drug-detection K9s. Gary also brought up the mental health topic as it relates to juveniles.

Other suggested topics: Jail Capacity Management Plan, Marijuana, Mental Health.

#### **4) Roundtable / Sheriff's Office Update –**

- Sheriff brought up a new concept that is being developed. This is designed to engage our community on another level; we want people to feel part of something in the interest of the greater good. The concept is Believe. Believe in your community. We want to encourage the right thing to happen. It is a benevolence fund; a 501(c)(3) to help receive funds. Sheriff opened it up for input from the committee. US Clausen added that this is an opportunity for the Sheriff's Office to interact with the community in a new way. When we're dealing with kids - instead of giving them a sticker, we can give them something to consider with the Believe concept. This is an exciting concept. An annual gathering could be a fundraising effort to help build a fund. This would be utilized as a benevolence fund to help community members when they need a helping hand. Cari said that as first responders, members of the Sheriff's Office could see needs before most. Steve said that this is a pay it forward concept; it's not self promotion. He sees it as an inspiration. Greg said that the values listed on the Sheriff's Office; community modeling is a great example. Little acts of kindness can make a big difference when given at the right time. Sheriff suggested that this group help establish the non-profit. We are passing funds through the non-profit and back into the community. We can change someone's path with this. US Clausen said one example is offering an annual college scholarship. Sheriff asked the group to think about this.
- Doug said he's concerned this. He doesn't want the thought of believing in the government. A police foundation is a feel-good thing and is isolated from the community. Doug said he's put together a lot of 501(C)(3)s. Steve suggested a separate meeting for this. US Clausen is the point on this project. Draft ideas will be sent out and feedback could be provided. Greg said this idea is innovative and a little risky. Much more to come on this topic.

**5) 2015 Meeting Dates & Locations** - The group wants to continue rotating meetings around. Herb suggested holding one meeting at the Sheriff's Office.

February 17 - Cari and Gary will take it in Stayton at Covered Bridge Cafe.

May 12 - Greg in Aurora.

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Meeting adjourned at 8:20.