

Community Advisory Committee
January 18, 2011

Facilitator:

Sheriff's Office:

Sheriff Jason Myers
US Troy Clausen
Cmdr. Kevin Schultz
Dep. Heath Nelson
Mgmt. Analyst Sara Zavala *
*minutes

CAC Members:

~~Ken Hector~~
~~Todd Deaton~~
Shelley Joyce
Gary Rychard
Sylvia Valentine Garcia
Jose Gonzalez
John Alamarez
Hugo Nicolas
Blake Dye
Vanessa Nordyke
~~Levi Herrera~~
Marya Kalugin
Cindy Schaeffer
Cari Fiske
Glen Rader

1) Introductions

Ice Breaker – Cmdr. Schultz had everyone answer the following question: 1) If I had all the money in the world, I would: _____. 2) If I had to give up a prized possession, it would be: _____.

2) Review Minutes from November 16, 2010 meeting. Discussion: No questions or changes. Glen motioned to approve; Gary seconded; all aye. Approved.

3) Review Bylaws: Tabled until next meeting. Revisions are with MC Legal Counsel.

4) Review Issues: US Clausen welcomed the group and began by explaining that we are heading into budget season and planning for FY 2011-12. The Sheriff's Office is made up of funds both from the County and State. We appreciate this group's support.

- Cultural Sensitivity –

- US Clausen reviewed what the SO is currently doing around this topic. He asked Dep. Heath Nelson to explain his work with Juntos Podemos. He shared about Dia de los Ninos, the Guido Caldarazzo Group, and his experience living in Mexico. He also talked about Chemawa Indian School and the work that the Sheriff's Office does there. Chemawa is a federal enclave and has students from 20 states, representing 70 tribes.

Kids used to be brought to the school mainly for disciplinary reasons, but that is changing and attendance can also be voluntary. The SO presence (since 2005) has been more than just law enforcement – deputies also volunteer as coaches, go on field trips, host special projects, created a video production studio and curriculum, camping trip. Dep. Nelson said that these are ways we build relationships with the students, and don't remain just an enforcement presence. Glen said that they also have several pow wows per year. Cmdr. Schultz said if anyone would like to tour the school to contact him or Dep. Nelson. Community volunteers are welcome as well. There are four schools like Chemawa across the US, but MCSO is the only full time law enforcement presence.

- Reps attending NAACP
- Warning Card developed – will be rolled out soon. This will reaffirm our non-discrimination policy.
- Parent Education for non-English speakers -
 - US Clausen shared some examples, including Slavic Baptist Church meeting. This is an area to work on.
- Drug / Alcohol Prevention & Education –
 - US Clausen reviewed the listed drug education programs and event.
- Traffic Enforcement –
 - Traffic Safety Team; Grants; 3 E's (Enforcement, Education and Engineering); many of these issues overlap with Public Works, so we work closely with them for any engineering concerns. Example of Chemeketa road issues. Glen shared his experience in the Jan Ree area with the addition of a stop sign. He reiterated the 3 E's concept and how it worked.
- Gang Issues –
 - Issues have been fairly calm over the past 18 months.
 - Tagging / Graffiti – Glen expressed some concern over the form letters that are sent after reporting graffiti. The letter seems to threaten the victim of the graffiti. Sheriff agrees and is working on this issue. Jose added that it is important to remove the graffiti right away.
- ID Theft
 - There has been a lot of public education and support from retailers;
 - Sheriff shared some unintended consequences of the legislative changes to ID / Drivers licenses; the Marshallese community.
 - US Clausen reminded the group to take a look at the machines before running your credit/debit card; skimmers.
- Reentry/ Transition from Jail to Community

- Highlighted the SOAR program. May have Cmdr. Jeff Wood come to the next meeting to share more about this program.
- Blake asked about DOC closure – Sheriff responded that there were no early releases, but a facility did close. Numbers within DOC are down right now.
- Blake asked about sex trafficking and whether this is an issue in our county. Sheriff said that it is probably occurring, but we do not have a large number of cases involving this right now.
- **HOMEWORK:** Group is to prioritize the second page of listed issues. This will help the SO focus the appropriate level of resources.

5) Community Relations Unit Request – Community Feedback for Annual Report

Cmdr. Schultz passed around the Sheriff's Office 2009 Annual Report which contains information SO Projects, stats, etc. We would like feedback from this Committee on the Community feedback form that will be included in the 2010 Annual Report. Suggested questions may be sent to Sara Zavala szavala@co.marion.or.us by 2/1.

- 6) Next Meeting. Discussion about when to set next meeting – suggestion in March since we haven't finalized the bylaws. **March 15th tentative date at 6:30 pm at Work Center.**
- 7) Closing Comments: Gary suggests everyone consider doing a ride-along with a deputy. **HOMEWORK:** Work on prioritizing issues. Sheriff said that a steering team might be a good way to form agendas and prepare for meetings. This would include an elected chair and vice-chair. **Those interested in the chair or vice-chair should let us know.**