

Marion County Sheriff's Office
Community Advisory Committee
January 15, 2013

Sheriff's Office:

Undersheriff Troy Clausen
Cmdr. Kevin Schultz
Sara Zavala

CAC Members:

Ken Hector
~~Shelley Joyce~~
Gary Rychard
~~Sylvia Valentine Garcia~~
~~Jose Gonzalez~~
~~John Alamarez~~
Hugo Nicolas
~~Vanessa Nordyke~~
Levi Herrera
Marya Kalugin
~~Cindy Schaeffer~~
~~Cari Fiske~~
Glen Rader
Herb Colomb
Steve Staten
Doug VandeGriend

Glen opened the meeting and tabled the vote on the minutes until a quorum was present. *A quorum was later achieved; Gary moved to approve the April minutes and Steve seconded. Steve moved to approve the October minutes and Doug seconded. Minutes for both meetings were approved by the group.

Recruitment – Cmdr. Schultz briefed the group on the recruitment efforts of the Sheriff's Office. We currently have many vacancies and there are testing dates and interviews being conducted to fill the positions. We value community input in this process and Cmdr. Schultz asked for volunteers who may be interested in sitting on the interview panel. Those names will be sent to Division Commanders for contact when needed. Those who expressed interest include: Ken Hector, Gary Rychard, Glen Rader.

Aurora Contract – Undersheriff Clausen reported that the Sheriff's Office had been chosen by the city of Aurora to provide contracted law enforcement services. The services began on 12/1. So far things are going very well. We want to ensure the city keeps its autonomy, but receives the services of a larger law enforcement agency. The contract was signed for nine months. We feel that the excellent working relationship that we have established with Jefferson and Sublimity have helped promote the services the Sheriff's Office has to offer municipalities.

Concealed Handgun License Program – Due to the increase in requests for CHLs, the amount of time to get appointments and process applications has gone from about three weeks to a four month wait. We are working on a plan to address this issue.

Volunteers – We have over 30 volunteers to perform a variety of functions; a volunteer-led boater safety class is coming up and those in this group who are interested are encouraged to participate. Cost is only \$5.

Graffiti – Commander Schultz discussed an idea of a project day to “paint back graffiti.” We would like to identify problem areas to target and host a day where volunteers, Sheriff’s Office staff and inmate work crews can work together to reduce graffiti. Herb suggested hosting the day in June and getting high school kids involved. Marya agreed and thinks schools would like this idea. She suggested the end of May or beginning of June. Gary suggested we use the student body organizations as a point of contact for participation. Marya also mentioned SROs. Glen said that Eagle Scouts have projects to perform too and he would be willing to reach out to that group. Cmdr. Schultz has some ideas for funding for the project. Doug offered some information on a graffiti workgroup that East South Salem Neighborhood Association (ESSNA) has been working on. There have been ongoing issues in the area that ESSNA wanted to address. They implemented a “24 hour rule” so that graffiti was almost immediately taken care of. He said any graffiti abatement efforts must be ongoing so that a one day project isn’t just defeated the next day. He also asked about permission from utility companies and questioned where the paint supply would come from. Finally, he added that the graffiti removal needs to be done right; not sloppy. Because of his experience in this area, Doug offered to help with logistics. He also mentioned that ESSNA meets the first Thursday of each month. Steve offered that we should also look to other community groups that may wish to partner. As the discussion wrapped up, Cmdr. Schultz suggested that we firm up details at the April meeting. Glen thinks the project will need a separate meeting. He suggested March as the tentative meeting time, and the group agreed to proceed.

Good of the Order / Community Reports –

Marya - Offered some comments on the School Resource Officer program at her school. They have felt the loss of some support with budget issues.

Herb – No comment at this time

Hugo – Commented on his advocacy for licenses for undocumented people.

Gary – Shared about a recent incident of a suspicious person on the Sublimity School campus; SO response was quick. He also shared some information about a law enforcement appreciation luncheon that was organized and hosted by a Stayton Middle School cook.

Steve – No comment at this time

Ken – Added to the discussion that Marya started about SROs; Silverton lost theirs as well. They do have an officer who stops by to do “walk throughs” to keep somewhat of a presence. Ken also shared about the prescription drug issue and said the county is working on an educational outreach plan to bring attention to this issue. Access is easy. There is also a Prescription Drug Takeback program and Salem PD and Keizer PD have permanent drop boxes for anyone who wants to turn in medications outside of the “take back” events. Cmdr. Schultz also added that the Sheriff’s Office has identified funding for and is in the process of obtaining a drop box at the Jail.

Glen – Offered nice comments about a recent interaction with a few MCSO deputies working in his neighborhood. He said they were polite, responsive and did a good job; excellent conduct.

WVCC Tour – The meeting concluded when Commander Schultz introduced WVCC director Mark Buchholz who was prepared to give a tour of the Willamette Valley Communications Center (911 dispatch). Undersheriff Clausen said that the call takers and the dispatch center is the backbone for law enforcement calls for service. The group enjoyed a tour of the facility, had the opportunity to view Police, Fire and EMS dispatchers at work and asked questions.

Next Meeting Date: 4/16/13