

## CPO3 Meeting Minutes, Feb 20th, 2025 , Washington County

The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Rob Skinner at 6:30 pm.

Panelists in attendance were:

Aika Fallstrom, Washington Co. OEICE

Rob Skinner, Chairperson

Brooke Bachelor, Vice Chairperson

Emily Vonada, Member-at-Large

Stan Houseman, CCI Rep

Ben Marcotte, CCI Rep

Sgt D. McPherson, Washington Co. Sheriffs Office

Meghan Rasmussen, Washington Co. Sheriffs Office

Capt. Quinn, Tualatin Fire and Rescue

Juan Caez, Tual. Hills Parks and Recreation

Katie Myszka, Volunteer Outreach Manager, Ride Connection

There were an additional six attendees were logged on to the meeting

### **Service Updates**

#### **WCSO**

Meghan Rasmussen:

Community Academy is back, which is an 8 week course where one can learn the ins and outs, as well as various tours of different areas within the Sheriffs Department. Registration is open until March 12<sup>th</sup>.

Recruiting also for Search and Rescue, teens ages 14-17.

Also, recruiting for the Deputy Reserve Program. These are sworn volunteer law enforcement professionals. They assist full-time patrol deputies.

And they receive the same high level training as full-time counterparts. If you want to learn more about that, they are also having an information session on March 1st and all of that information is also on the WCSO website.

Incident to service map was again reviewed, no glaring changes or upticks in types or frequencies of crime with the exception of vehicle break-ins, which has increased dramatically.

These are captured under the "Theft" category in the Incident to service maps.

Staffing is at a low, and they're hoping for an influx of recruits later this year. It takes about 18 months for a recruit to complete their training and get out on the road. A question was raised by an attendee regarding the scrutiny paid to hiring deputies that may have worked elsewhere and may have a problematic past. Sgt McPherson responded that the background checks should pick up any significant concerns. A question was raised about "assistive" visits, and Sgt McPherson clarified that many of these were welfare checks for both adults and children.

#### **Tualatin Fire and Rescue**

Captain Quinn: Was joining us from Station 53 on Scholls Ferry Rd tonight, also home of Hazmat 53 (the Hazmat response team), and Car 53- that is home to one of our advanced practice care paramedics.

They have a specific job, helping reduce some of the frequent 911 calls where somebody might just need more help and more assistance or a connection more with resources has been a very successful program. One of the newest things that was just started is the ARM program, and it's a state grant for two years that teams up with one of the advanced care practice paramedics and a physician assistant or nurse practitioner. And this is a model taken after Denver South Metro fire that was very significant in helping working with closely with assisted living facilities and helping reduce some of the barriers of some of the people that reside in those residents and getting the help that they need.

TVFR is also recruiting paramedics and fire fighters. A link can be found at <https://www.tvfr.com/454/Careers>

They are starting their Apartment managers training program, and the link to sign up for this is also on tvfr.com.

Many new officers and trainees have come on board, many promotions in the department. He ended with a safety message – they're seeing furnace and fireplace related safety issues. Reminded group that these should be inspected regularly.

Also, smoke detectors save lives – make sure yours are operating.

Stan Houseman (CCI rep) is a member of Quake (community emergency response organization) and mentioned some possible opportunities for partnering with the TVFD regarding education around earthquake preparedness and response.

### **Tualatin Parks and Recreation District**

Juan Caez: Many events this month, please see <https://thprd.org>, under the Activities and Events tabs.

Centro de Bienvenida happening at the administrative buildings on Wednesday and Thursday. Registration for preschool programs, Thrive, has opened. For middle schoolers, on Saturdays, the Track Program will be held at the Cedar Hills Rec Center .

We have started our tax aid volunteer opportunities through AARP at the Stuhr Center. For those of you who aren't aware, THPRD offers free tax services with the help of tax aid professionals from AARP You come in on Tuesday at 8 a.m. To make an appointment for that week, and then you can get your taxes done on Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday at the Elsie Stuhr Center.

Currently at the Garden Home Recreation Center on Fridays, we started an authentic Middle Eastern cooking class.

There are a couple new parks and facilities coming online. First off, the proposed pickleball facility at the HMT complex, that one is going out for proposal and THPRD is having a community meeting on March 11th in person at the Tualatin Hills Nature Center.

### **Presentation on Ride Connection:**

Katie Myszka, Volunteer Outreach Manager for the program:

She gave a 15 minute presentation on the free rideshare program available in Clackamas, Multnomah, Washington Counties through RideConnection.

Volunteer information as well as arranging for a ride can be found at <https://rideconnection.org>

They offer door-to-door rides, as well as shuttle scheduled transportation. They are dependent on volunteer drivers, who do need to do some training and have a background check (and a valid driver's license). The volunteer information is also on their website. They do receive donations which are tax deductible. They also offer "Ride Ambassadors", where a member of RideShare and orient you and accompany you on public transportation.

They also offer "Community Connector" buses, (not TriMet), that run from Forest Grove, Hillsboro, Cornelius and Beaverton.

The presentation was extremely informative and well-received by those attending the meeting.

### **Neighborhood Update:**

Portland Golf Club's application to dump dredge tailings next the Fanno Creek Trail is complete and still under review by Dept of State Lands, and a decision should be made in March. The DEQ application is in process as well. PGC was recently fined \$1000 by CleanWater Services for failing to obtain a permit for the clearing they began along the Nature Trail last fall.

Speeding has continued to be a problem along Garden Home Rd, and attempts to get any lasting speed control on the stretch between Oleson Rd and SW 92<sup>nd</sup> Ave have been unsuccessful. The segment has been deemed to dangerous to have officers set up speed checks, but we have been offered some community tools to record speed offenders, as well as request the speed "trailer" occasionally. Some of the citizens will be operating a radar to record violators over the next few weeks- this info will be sent to Washington County Traffic Safety, and violators will receive a warning letter.

The meeting was adjourned a 7:30 pm.

There will NOT be a CPO 3 meeting in March 2025, next meeting will be April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm via Zoom