

Washington County Sheriff's Office Latino Advisory Commission
February 3, 2021
Meeting Minutes

Commission Members Present: Maria Caballero-Rubio, Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Pat Garrett, Ricardo Moreno, Mark Shah, Pablo Valenzuela

Commission Members Absent: Olga Acuña, Joann Hoffman, Daniel Guzman-Catarina

Moderating: Hun Taing and Brandon Lee with Training for Transformation (T4T)

Guest Presenters: Lt. Chris Schweigert, Deputy Jason Moser, Marcy Allie

Guests Attending: Undersheriff John Koch, Chief Deputy Karlyn Degman, Sharon Gray

Meeting via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER

Pat Garrett called the meeting to order at 4:09 p.m.

Introductions

Approval Meeting Minutes

The members present constituted a quorum. Pablo Valenzuela made a motion to approve the January 6, 2021 minutes, and Maria Caballero-Rubio seconded, the minutes were approved as written.

Public Comment

No public comments

Body Worn Camera (BWC) Presentation

In December of 2020, the Washington County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) voted unanimously to approve full implementation of body worn cameras in the Sheriff's Office Patrol Division. The Sheriff's offices is moving forward on the implementation. The presentation today will explain the training the deputies receive.

Co-chair Pat Garrett introduced Lt. Chris Schweigert, who is overseeing the implementation of the BWC program, and Deputy Jason Moser, the Subject Matter Expert (SME) and trainer for the BWC's. Deputy Moser was also one of the original testers for the BWC pilot program that started in 2018.

Key points from the presentation:

- The battery in the BWC is registered to a specific deputy and will automatically register their credentials.
- Deputies have the ability to add notes to the videos, but no authority to alter the videos.
- When a deputy reviews a video, the system will require a note as to the purpose of reviewing the video.

- Classification of the video will determine how long a video is retained to the cloud.
- Pre-event recording setting is always on and has an automatic trigger. Certain events (gun shots, vehicle crash, overhead lights turned on, camera on the ground, etc.) will automatically initiate the camera to pre-record up to two minutes prior to the event. The camera audibly informs the deputy when it turns on and off.

Deputies are required to:

- Inform community members they are being recorded and videoed;
- Articulate audibly into the BWC recording and in reports any/all reasons to stop recording and also inform their supervisor as to when/why;
- Classify each video at the end of their shift;
- View the incident at 2 specific times:
 - 1) When writing reports, to ensure the report is through and complete; and
 - 2) Prior to testifying in court.
- Read policy 806-R05 Body-Worn Cameras and sign off on the policy as to that they are trained and understand the policy.

A few questions were brought up after the presentation in regards to releasing the video pursuant to public records request. If the case is still being investigated this would be one barrier that the video could not be released, and public interest is taken into account when releasing videos.

Co-chair Pat Garrett referred to House Bill 2571 that was passed in 2015 by the 78th Oregon Legislative Assembly to help govern the use of BWC by all state and local public safety agencies and public requests for videos. An explanation of the bill along with a copy of the bill will be emailed to the members. As the implementation of the BWC continues the Sheriff's Office will continue to update policies currently in place on the training and use of BWC and policies that are affected by the use of BWC.

Policy Development Process

Presentation will be moved to the March 3rd meeting.

New Business

Monday, February 1 the student membership selection committee (to the WCSO Latino Advisory Commission) met and selected the two finalists to serve on the commission as the student representatives. Fernando Lira is a student at Pacific University and Fernanda Pantoja is currently studying at Portland Community College. Please give them a warm welcome.

Next steps

- Identify a better time to meet to accommodate the schedules for the deputies from the Sheriff's Office. Doodle Poll to be sent out with alternative day and times.

- Schedule a welcome orientation with Co-chairs Acuña and Garrett, Fernando Lira, and Fernanda Pantoja. T4T to be present as well.
- Use of Force training is a subject of interest.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm.