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WASHINGTON COUNTY

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ESPD ADVISORY COMMITTEE March 1, 2023

Attendees: Anna Alexander (Vice Chair), Bruce Bartlett, Leroy Bentley, Dolores Chenoweth, Diana Jensen, Melissa Laird (Chair), Jess Matza, Jessica Miyake, Ricardo Moreno, Michael Ruzzi, John Ryan, Terry Wagner, Bob Zahrowski

Absent: Ryan Garrick, Ben Johnson, Jeff Larson,

Staff: Undersheriff John Koch, Commander John Bennett, Sharon Gray

Guests: Cortney Duke-Driessen, Darin

The meeting was held at the Sheriff's Office, Training Room A, 215 SW Adams Avenue, Hillsboro, Oregon and via Teams.

Chair Melissa Laird called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Approval of January Minutes:

Leroy Bentley made a motion for the January minutes to be approved.
John Ryan seconded; all were in favor.

Time, Place, Manner Presentation – Cortney Duke-Driessen

- Working with other departments in the county to address health and safety issues in encampments.
- Ordinance to regulate encampments in relation to public property.
- Ordinance recommendation to the BCC, April 4:
 - Camps and camping prohibited on public property.
 - Camps and camping regulated by time, place and/or manner.
 - Regulate camping in certain places and relation to time.
 - Enforcement
- Presenting to stakeholders for feedback and input.
- Oregon HB 3115 was signed in 2021, implementation will start July 1, 2023.

Questions:

- What is the Point and Time count?
 - Will be public information in the spring but have seen a decrease.
- Have we seen an increase of houselessness coming from Portland?
 - We have always had a large transient population, but no hard numbers proving they are moving here from Portland.
- Will there be enforcement if shelter is not available?

- Courts have not explained what “available” means and the homelessness community has challenged the definition of “available”.
- Clarify what qualifies as no camping in residential district and if they do camp does the 72-hour clock still apply?
 - Residential district applies to almost every zone; currently working through defining the zones.
 - We have discretion on whether encampments can stay longer than 72 hours: however, if they are currently in a no-zone they would need to move.
- Need to be Judicial when trespassing offenders.
 - Private property owners can trespass campers.

Latino Advisory Committee Update – Ricardo Moreno

- The Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) joined the LAC commission this afternoon to further explain the STOP Data analysis. STOP Data is an analysis that is done across the state of Oregon to understand if there is any discrepancy between the ratio of the population and the number of traffic stops.
- CJC confirmed the Sheriff's Office does have one discrepancy, but this discrepancy has to do with the fact that when Latino/Latinx drivers are stopped there is a higher frequency of them getting a citation because they do not have a valid driver's license.

Sheriff Office Updates – Undersheriff John Koch

- The first Budget Town Hall was held on February 23, thank you to those who attended and being engaged with the process.
- The County is looking at scenarios with a 4%, 7%, and 10% cut for the General Fund and what this looks like for all county departments. These cuts will not impact the ESPD budget.
- POLIS review is moving forward, we will give you a formal update later this spring.
 - Will need to discuss item 21 “WCSO should involve both internal/external stakeholders in drafting the revised General Order(s) related to use of force”.

Patrol Updates -- Commander John Bennett

- Reviewing the Critical Incident Protocol.
- Looking to outfit the patrol sergeants with body worn cameras(BWC).
 - Currently have 30 BWC in inventory
 - Only additional cost would be to outfit the current uniform
- Field Training and Evaluation Manual is currently being reviewed and updated.
- Received approval from the Justice Court and are ready to go live with the No Operators License Program. Will start to train staff and will launch later this month. The program is for community members that do not have an operator's license, not community members that have suspended licenses.
- Homelessness Encampment at Baseline and 197th has been permanently closed due to flooding and other environmental impacts.
 - If permanently closed could the fencing be removed?

- Deputy Skoglund received a Life Saving award and a Medal of Valor. He responded to a vehicle crash where the vehicle ended up in a body of water and Deputy Skoglund saved a pregnant woman from the submerged car.
- We have a new K-9 "Troy" and his handler will be Deputy Nealeigh.
- Testing for TNT (Tactical Negotiations Team).
- Agreement with the Beaverton School District to pay for the SRO program. SRO sergeant will attend the statewide SRO conference this summer.
- Lieutenant Ed Rawlinson retired on February 16 with 25 years of service.
- Patrol areas at HQ and East precincts are receiving a facelift, this has had a positive effect on the troops.
- In the process of testing for patrol sergeant/corporal:
 - 15 applicants for sergeant and 12 for corporal
- Members of the ESPD Committee are welcome to be assessors for our future assessment centers
 - The SO looks for assessors from outside our agency and community members outside of law enforcement.
 - The assessment is typically a 2-day process
 - Will advise when the next assessment will be.
- Patrol Lieutenant afterhours phone line
 - Lieutenant's will take a weekly turn staffing the afterhours phone line.
 - Patrol sergeants who need to consult with a Lieutenant can call the afterhours number and receive responses to questions during critical times.
- In January of 2023 we answered close to 5300 calls for service and that includes self-initiated. This is an increase of 100 calls for 2020 and an increase of 500 calls for 2021. The good news is our self-initiated activity is up and that means we are getting out there and engaging more with the community.
- Washington County currently has 3 snow zones, meeting with LUT and discuss to increase the number of snow zones.
- In January we reviewed the Tattoo Policy, still working on the language before sending to the Sheriff for final review.

Open Forum/Miscellaneous:

- Would like to discuss moving the quarterly meetings back to East Precinct
 - John Ryan made a motion to move the meeting from HQ to East precinct starting in May of 2023. Diana Jensen seconded; all were in favor.
- Rumor that WCSO has a program for community members to borrow a radar gun.
 - That is not true, but there are reader boards available through LUT.
 - Traffic calming programs through LUT URMDAC
 - SO Foundation purchased Stealth Stats
 - Patrol still uses and would looking for data
- K-9 Trials are scheduled for Saturday May 20
- Jail Mentoring Program
 - Program helps AIC's transition out
 - New contractor is Bridge to Change

- Upcoming Agenda Items
 - Professor Bob WC Sheriff's foundation- July 5
 - Impact of measure 110 on the drug court – July 5
 - STOP Data – May 3
 - Polis Update
 - Jail Mentoring Program

Chair Laird adjourned the meeting at 8:01pm.