

Minutes –Advisory Committee on Public Safety (ACOPS)

Paradise Valley Police Department
6433 East Lincoln Drive
Paradise Valley, AZ 85253

Date of Meeting: August 27 2019 _____

ACOPS Members in Attendance:

- Councilmember Ellen Andeen
- Mike Cumiskey
- Tim Dickman
- Jeff Gaia
- Paul Moore
- Jay Ozer
- Ryan Woody

PVPD in attendance:

- Community Resource Officer Steven McGhee
- Chief of Police Peter Wingert

Public Attendees: Becky Allison PhD

The ACOPS meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, 8-27-19 at
Time Day of the week Date
the Paradise Valley Police Department Auditorium. The assigned minute taker Paul Moore
Minute Taker

Agenda item #II, Assign minute taker/approve past minutes:

Motion: Jay Ozer Second: Tim Dickman

Agenda item #III, Program: Police Department Explorer Program

Topic: Update Presenter: Mike Unger

Officer Unger gave a briefing to update ACOPS on the new Police Explorer Post 2900's activities. Recent subjects covered at their meetings have included: DUI, DRE Evaluations, defensive tactics (hand cuff etc.), undercover work detecting underage liquor service, room clearing and active shooter response. They will be running a recruitment drive and fund raising for uniforms via the Police 501 (c) 3. There are 10 members now nine male and one female. The group viewed a video presentation designed to raise funds for the Explorers. Citizens can donate on line and one can annotate the donations for explores.

Agenda topic #IV, a: PVPSF Update 501©3 for PVPD – The Paradise Valley Public Safety Foundation

Mike Cummiskey reported that the Foundation now has a CPA and they are setting up QuickBooks to keep the accounting of the organization. In addition, the Quickbooks system will help generate letters/receipts for donors. John Wintersteen and Randy Baily will be joining the organization. The Foundations hopes to mount a fund raiser by the end of the year. Information can now be found at: www.pvpublicsafetyfoundation.org.

Agenda topic #IV, b: Arizona State Legislative Update – Chief Wingert

Speed Cameras: There is currently no new activity on photo camera bills in the AZ Legislature. Last year's bill was defeated in committee – for the 85th percentile law. This year we expect a bill to be introduced that would, if passed into law, totally ban the use of cameras for the purpose of monitoring speed and creating citations. A strategy for how to deal with that expected legislations was discussed by the group. The first steps that group feels make sense are: 1. Preparing materials in advance and having them ready for distribution and 2. Prepare to contact representatives. By doing this ACOPS will be prepared to move quickly when the bill is first introduced.

Recreational Marijuana: We expect a ballot initiative to legalize recreational marijuana by election year. The public almost voted it in last time. We expect it to pass this time.

Agenda topic #IV, c: Package Theft Program – Chief & Steven

The department now has two GPS devices that will work hidden in a package delivered to a front door. They will alert when moved and can then be tracked with the idea of arresting the person who is attempting to take the package. PVPD is now considering an operation during the holidays. The devices were \$1300 to buy each and \$400 per year. These will be placed by a white van at front doors covered by video. Accuracy is enough to track. There is currently no need for more devices.

Agenda topic #IV, d: Bicycle/Pedestrian enforcement efforts – Chief Wingert and Steven:

Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday are the worst days of the week. PVPD has contacted the leaders of the groups that ride on week days and they have been pretty cooperative and are policing their groups. Tuesday is better than Thursday. No apparent leader on Saturdays. Often, they follow apps suggestion for route. This was followed by a discussion of codes and rules on bike lane widths.

Agenda topic #IV, e: None

Agenda topic #V: Consideration of 2020 Goals:

ACOPS discussed the goals that might be considered for the group and the PD for the next fiscal year.

Agenda topic #VI: Quarterly Outreach discussion

- Opioid epidemic: Stage a coffee with a cop meeting and presenter to coordinate with black balloon day. The Chief shared that officers all carry Narcan. ACOPS will consider starting a reach-out program in October of 2019.

- Community Survey: Last year’s survey was passed out. The idea is to use these as example templates to build one to send out with the utility bills this year. The committee will review these for discussion at the next meeting.
- Emergency Notification Code Red: The contract was coming up to an end and department decided to move to a new vendor: Rave Mobile Safety. It offers more functionality for example:
 - Offers an interface to Smart 911.
 - Users can adjust settings.
 - There is a registry for special needs people.
 - Asks for updates on people’s contact information.
- CAD/RMS Upgrade: There was a discussion regarding the problems experienced with the current upgrade of these systems. Paul will follow-up with the Chief to see what is best to do.
- Distracted Driving: We should consider creating messaging on that subject.

Agenda topic #VII-Public Comment: Becky Allison

Dr. Allison explained the issues she is having with cyclists in her neighborhood. At one point she was nearly hit and knocked to the ground, but no cyclist stopped to help. She also expressed that she was impressed with the previous discussion on this issue and seemed satisfied that PVPD was handling the problem.

Agenda topic #VIII-Next meeting date: 10/15/19 The 9/11 tower challenge is schedule for 9/17

Agenda topic #IX-Future Agenda Topics: _____

Adjourn: 7:30 p.m.
Time