

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY (ACOPS)

MINUTES—November 19, 2019 PARADISE VALLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT

6433 E Lincoln Drive
Paradise Valley AZ 85253

ATTENDEES

Ellen Andeen (by telephone)

Michael Cummiskey

Tim Dickman

Jeff Gaia

Paul Moore

Jay Ozer

Ryan Woody

POLICE DEPARTMENT ATTENDEES

Commander Michael Cole

PUBLIC ATTENDEE

Howard Hecker, PVPD Volunteer

- I. Meeting was called to order at 6 pm by Ellen Andeen; Tim Dickman volunteered to take minutes.

- II. After motion was made by ? and seconded by ?, the meeting minutes of October 15, 2019 were unanimously approved with a minor correction to member Michael Cummiskey spelling of last name.
- III. Commander Michael Cole gave a presentation on “Supporting the Paradise Valley Police Department.” It was noted in the presentation that police both nationally and locally police officers are under tremendous work-related stress. In fact, the number of police suicides has been rising nationally and is higher than deaths related to police officers killed on the job. Commander Cole reviewed initiatives that the Paradise Valley Police Department are taking to assist with the stress. He also emphasized that the local community could assist through encouragement of officers, writing notes of thanks, providing positive feedback via phone, or by simply spreading good news with neighbors.
- IV. Update Items ACOPS
 - a. Council Member Andeen presented the revised 2020 Police Community Survey. There was unanimous agreement that the survey looked very good. One suggestion was made to include a question asking if the survey taker is aware of the Paradise Valley Police Department Foundation and/or the volunteer program. Following that question, to inquire if the survey taker was interested in volunteering. Council Member Andeen agreed to follow-up with Chief Wingert on this suggestion.
 - b. Council Member Andeen and Tim Dickman presented an update on the Drug Summit. It was reported that Opioid and Drug Issues will be the topic at the March 4, 2020 “Coffee with a Cop”. This will be coordinated with black balloons in the room representing deaths in Arizona due to this problem. It also was reported that on March 5, 2020, we will be sponsoring a seminar related to the Opioid problem. Sheila Sjolander from the State of Arizona Division of Public Health will be the guest speaker. Mr., Dickman volunteered to write an article for publication in the paper preceding this event. The event will be at the Methodist Church with time to be determined.
 - c. Council Member Andeen reported on the Special Olympics—Over the Edge Program. It was reported that 33 people have enrolled with a commitment for each person to raise at least \$1,000. The event will be held in downtown Phoenix on December 7, 2019.

Council Member Andeen indicated that we are scheduled for our annual ACOPS update to the City Council on January 23, 2020. Jeff Gaia volunteered to assist with pulling together the presentation. The group discussed ideas on what to include in the presentation.
 - d. The group discussed the most recent legislative activity. The state law that prohibits local communities from regulating or prohibiting short term rentals was discussed. Some initiatives are underway to attempt to repeal the state law. Photo radar is expected to come back to the legislature this year. Additionally, it

is expected that marijuana legalization is expected to be taken up either by the state legislature or on the ballot (or both) is expected this year.

V. New Items

- a. Council Member Andeen indicated that there is an all day “Distracted Driving Summit” on January 22, 2020. Distracted driving regulations will become enforceable on January of 2021. Both Paul Moore and Michael Cummiskey agreed to attend the seminar. Mr. Moore indicated he would be able to confirm later with Mr. Dickman indicated that he could substitute for Mr. Moore if he were unable to attend. It was proposed that following this event, we would schedule a local seminar with an article being written prior to the event for the local paper. Mr. Moore and Mr. Cummiskey agreed to take point on the follow-up.
- b. Council Member Andeen indicated that the 2020 national Census will begin in January of 2020. More detailed information will follow.

VI. Quarterly Outreach Discussion

- a. Mr. Cummiskey gave an update on the recent Shred and Prescription Take Back programs. He reported that 9,100 pounds of shredding materials were dropped off. An additional 2,600 pounds of electronics were dropped off for re-cycling. Council Member Andeen reported that two large boxes of prescription medicines totaling 27.5 pounds of medicine were dropped off. There was a suggestion to include a notice in the local paper under ACOPS that prescription drugs can be disposed safely at any time through the drop box located in the lobby of the police department.
- b. Council Member Andeen reported on a very successful Tip a Cop—El Chorro event. \$11,594.11 were raised and will be donated to the Over the Edge event. The event was extremely well attended.
- c. Commander Cole reported that the Halloween night activity was very busy. Three cars with candy and volunteers were spread across the city. There was significant activity and the evening went without any issues.
- d. Commander Cole reported that the Eagle Law Enforcement training program was recently held at Methodist Church. The goal was to provide training for law enforcement officers regarding “Elder Abuse.” The event brought together a cross functional group of stakeholders and was extremely well attended. Commander Cole noted that a recent arrest was made for a care giver who had been stealing money and jewelry from a Paradise Valley resident.
- e. Council Member Andeen reported that the Blood Drive held on November 14, 2019 was very successful. The blood drive was held in partnership with the American Red Cross. Over 16 pints of blood were donated.

VII. Public Comment

- a. Michael Cummiskey reported that a very good article was recently in the local newspaper regarding the Police Foundation. He also reported that the article raised awareness of the deductibility of donations to the Foundation since it is a 501(c)3 organization. The Foundation is seeking public comment on 2020 initiatives. The Police Foundation Board will be meeting soon regarding planning for the 2020 year.

- b. Howard Hecker reported that the total volunteer pool is down to 25. He reported that the maximum number and goal is to have 30 volunteers. Two individuals are in the pipeline for background checks.,
- VIII. Next Meeting
 - a. The next meeting of ACOPS will be held on January 7, 2020 in the Police Department auditorium at 6 pm.
- IX. Future Agenda Topics
 - a. It was suggested that both the Police Department Foundation (for update) and the Police Department Volunteer Program (for update) be included as agenda topics for future meetings.
- X. Ongoing Outreach
 - a. The group reviewed the five events that are scheduled over the next 30 days.
- XI. After motion was made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 pm