

Minutes of the Community Police Advisory Committee Meeting

Tuesday March 6, 2018

Law Enforcement Ctr

Members Present

Hamilton Henderson

Sheila Murray

Richard Sharp

Sharon Womach

Erick Harris

Jennifer Hamm,,

Guest: Marty Novak

Members Absent

Angel Benner

Pat Grove

Jill Ann Miller

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Police Department in attendance:

Chief Connally, Commander Larry Smith, Commander Eric Protzman, Commander Mike Wilson

Approval of Minutes:

The December 06, 2017 minutes were presented and approved

New Business:

Chief Connally had a video presentation of all crimes committed in Saint Joseph compared with the past few years. The message was, crime is never all bad or good. He explained that at any point in time crime will spike or fall. The overall message is, his department can respond to the situation while continuing to monitor all areas and train officers to be aware of solutions.

His department is in process of a system called Star Chase which can track stolen vehicles by GPS. The result is vehicle theft will become even more difficult for future violators.

Mental Health is an issue that also is area of concern for Saint Joseph. His officers are trained and continue to train on recognizing mental issues and regardless of time of day, can get help for individuals in need.

Chief Connally addressed the school safety issue and indicated that additional Safety Officers have been assigned to schools.

Conceal and carry was a topic of conversation discussed by members and officers present. Many view points were shared. Chief says while we all have points of view; many issues are driven by the Missouri laws.

Traffic issues were discussed and Chief Connally answered the questions of concern and in some cases said he will have offices look closer at some of the intersections that were discussed.

Commander Eric Protzman said staffing continues to be an issue however only one to two officers are needed to be at strength.

He credited field officers for keeping the crime at bay.

He said 6 officers in field training and 4 currently in the academy.

Commander Mike Wilson said Trail Watch is going well and that about 40 youngsters are attending sport events.

Commander Larry Smith touched on personnel and feels the department will be at full strength soon.

He Talked about a video surveillance called CCTV that works with the public to identify crime offenders. He talked about businesses and individuals who have aided the department in monitoring and identifying offenses.

Old Business:

None

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted

Richard Sharp