

Neighborhood Safety Commission monthly meeting
June 16 2017
BOC Committee room

Present from the NSC:

Trish Steiner
Bob Corn
Glenn Melson
Carol Massey
Larry Green
Karen Hallacy
Joel Cope

Glenn - Discussion of the Braves tour and asking after times?
Consensus is a Saturday morning
June 24. 9 am
Park in the Delta deck off of Battery Avenue

Report of Director Sam Heaton

Chief Register was voted in on June 13. Vote was 4 to 1.

Passed out a memo to us that he gave to all of the Commissioners. Talk of the freezing positions. Could be costly to County. Passed this to them so they know 5 years out. We seem like we are robbing from one department to pay another.

IACP. - gave overview to Commissioners at public meeting in a presentation. Says 690 is good number of officers but we are always 50 to 60 short if that number. Look at numbers for Braves and talk of creating Precinct 6.

Look at the assigned car program - short off goal. Need to keep sustained as 40 need to be replaced a year.

He said that the final and draft report were issued together. No conspiracy

Asked him what role he sees for us as NSC on these issues. He said for us to read the memo and to give whatever help we can. He expounded that we ask our Commissioner for any questions or comments. No more specific answer.

1 millage rate increase would bring \$25 million and yet PS needs a bump of \$13 million

He recommends a small bond and then use a millage increase to maintain the increase

Precinct 6 would be NE Cobb

Heaton deferred to Chief Register as to Precinct 6

Chief Register was introduced, and members of the NSC introduced themselves to him and he gave his report

Cobb PD is great and he has seen how much it has grown since 2017. More complex and diverse

Over next 30 to 60 days, he will do an assessment and get acclimated

He asked Deputy Chief Cox to chair a committee on a road map to include priority recs from IACP report, examine the recs, etc. Resources - need to maximize and get the most out of Deputy Chief Prince - look at priority 2 recs and inputting info into a road map

Capt Height is examining training. 23 weeks. How to impact training with Priority 1 and see what to take out and what to insert from the training

Capt Little will look at peer counseling for officers and PTSD issues. In Clayton he looked at 4 areas - mass casualties, losing ones fellow officer, death of child under 13 and suicides

In Clayton he found that with social media one concern of officers is how in an officer related shooting can have loss of life and aggressive put a non factual message and affect his life and his family life and officer went to EAP and child had to move to another school. Send officer to mental health professional

Major Adcock - look at leadership and how to prepare sergeants and lieutenants how to do their jobs. These positions have more influence on officers than Chief does and serve as example to the officers.

Mentioned Gateway program. In Clayton, he had a formal 12 month mentor program with junior Sgt and senior Sgt

Very important to have strategic dept for fleet replacement. Cannot have the budget be the strategic plan - won't work. Older vehicles cost more to maintain

Recruiting is great but have to retain them. A loss of officer is a loss of 1/4 m investment

Cobb has 32 openings for officers and yet Clayton has 60 openings.

Need more officers to keep up with call volume. Risks of burnout of the officers

Need to recruit quality people and need to retain them. Gets back to strategic plan

Chief Register in reading the IACP report talked of how perception matters. Perception is reality.

-how to disseminate info to public.

-cannot have FB page be updated every 8 days

-get that info to command staff

-safety tips at Christmas time

-wants public to know what police are doing

-rejoice in promotions and retirement

-put 4 tenets of conduct in every precinct

Chief spoke of Faith Forums in helping to deal with diverse communities. Not just Christian. Chief talked of Bias and Belief forums. Talk of kids killing kids and gangs

75 % of offenders lacked a high school education

CARE - high school and college kids. Talk to elementary school kids who are 6, 7 and 8 years.

Look at how to battle crime and predicting the crime where it is. Talked of shooting in Alexandria and domestic terrorism

Carol asked how can NSC better support him as talked of in IACP. She said that the report makes it sound like NSC is doing more than it is (from her experience thus far)

He said to keep him engaged in the community and that will help him

Co production - he already intends this

In each precinct, he developed a panel of 10 to 12 persons such as activities and leaders and met bi monthly. Held in the evening for 2 hours. Precinct commander did a synopsis. Take any actionable items and made sure to respond to that panel. Helped to be better police dept..

He is open to suggestions - will not necessarily follow every idea.

Karen talked of our NSC work in 2008 and PENS. Optimistic for active role of NSC

Bob Corn complimented Major VanHoozer on the work on code enforcement in Six Flags area

Bob Corn talked of the IACP report and how the section on youth is thin. He said need more links between SRO and the PD.

Karen Hallacy said that Ron Story need not be the only contact but area school superintendents need to have role in them and utilize those of us with contacts in the community. Not need to meetings on a one by one basis