

**Neighborhood Safety Commission
Meeting Minutes October 20, 2017**

Present:

Trish Steiner Glenn Melson
Joel Cope Judge Bloom
Larry Green Jeff Wood
KarenHallacy Bud Stumbaugh
Bob Corn

Captain Dennis Thayer introduced Carter, who is a high school student, and an intern of Commissioner Ott

Public Safety – Director, Sam Heaton Report:

- Lots of budget work - BOC will go on retreat and Agency directors invited to attend retreat
- Putting together 5- year strategic plan; Cobb County's motto has been Expect the Best, so we need to look at what this County wants to be
- He is concerned over less money for the non-profits - it helps us as County for them to do their work from public safety perspective.
- Fleet has got to be addressed. Public Safety is behind. Zero vehicles are in the budget. Taking back "take home" vehicles from those to whom they were issued. We need to replace vehicles. Taking back "take home" cars - bad for morale.
- He does not know the dollar gaps overall but for the fleet to be where we are, for PD, it would be \$11M.
- Have to fund a pay in class study and this gap is something that will continue to occur repeatedly.
 - It is not a one-time thing; Police sergeants move to same pay rate as fire lieutenants.
- Chief Register is creating a community affairs team to include Hispanic officer. Getting more involvement - when you see something say something.
- Need funding for accountable equipment in the Police Department budget for items like body cameras, chairs, desks, etc.
- Station 17 and 18 renovation
- Station 1 moving location/re-build
- Looking at property for new Station 31
- Purchased fire crash truck
- Site location for Station 29 - Synovus not want station there. Been tough finding location.
- E-911 - State will start taking some money in 2019.
- Chief Register is doing a great job
- Trying to push hard on the interactive media and GIS
- We are seeing increased revenue overall from Braves but some of that money is spoken for
- Talking to all of the chiefs in Cobb in light of the Vegas situation

Community Awareness Committee:

- Presentation on homelessness went well and Karen complimented us
- Bob thought we did well and discussed the Opiates with the SafeAmerica--Pagano led to him and Bob had a lot of good networking

Safe America will do a presentation next year at the Safety Village, and Bob spoke of Neighborhood Watch being dilapidated and looking to try and see on adding IT into this.

Bob - doing a guest column for the MDJ

Minutes are approved from the September meeting of the NSC.
Next Meeting November 17

December 15 will be a luncheon and bring in a toy:

- Bud suggested catering and bringing food to us here at this office or another room
- Bob suggested one of the senior centers
- Larry suggested Murph's at Galleria area

Meeting adjourned