

## Enhanced Law Enforcement District Advisory Committee

May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 6:30 pm

Sheriff's Office Brooks Building Auditorium

### I. ROLL CALL:

**Present:** Carl Grossman, James Rhodes, Gavin Carpenter, Kenneth Reddell, Lee Merrick, Sean Anderson, Eric Hendricks

**Absent:** Michael Wilson, Caroline Parker, Bob Zimmer,

**CCSO staff present:** Cpt. Brad O'Neil, Analyst Sarah Comstock,

**Guests:** n/a

### **I. Roll Call (See above)**

### **II. Public Comment – n/a**

### **III. Approval of March. 24' Meeting Minutes –**

Motion: Rhodes, Seconded: Grossman, all in favor

### **IV. Reports**

- Mike Zacher – Organized retail crime overview.
- Fencing operation discussion; videos of search warrant of health and beauty items stocked in houses being resold to secondary buyers. Vitamins, shampoos, face creams, etc. Items being locked up behind Plexiglas in stores making it less likely for customers to buy. More likely to purchase online now, through secondary buyers.
- Retail crews from California and other areas are traveling up to Oregon and stealing upwards of \$30k daily at a time in some cases.
- Dominican, Romanian, Chinese Nationals, South American all have traveling retail theft crews.
- History and evolution of how current retail theft situation got so bad discussed.
- Huge difference in percentage of calls for service in 82<sup>nd</sup> area where most of Clack Co theft occurs. Dicks is up 4300% as an example.
- ORC cycle discussion; stealing for drug habits “blues” fentanyl. Couple dollars a pill and market is flooded right now.
- Online fencing examples from offer up and other sites reviewed.
- **Questions:** Rhodes: What kind of support and assistance does CCSO receive from other agencies and do other agencies focus on this at all? Portland had to respond due to community pressure. Hired DDA specifically for Retail crime at incidents of at least \$10K. Focused resources and missions by PPB towards this are showing great success. CCSO is building contacts and relationships to assist us with similar missions. Have a mission coming up this Friday which we will coordinate with Milwaukie PD.
- Rhodes: Any federal support with interstate? Feds are deficient in this and realize that and are working on case law. Stateside success is greater than Feds and
- Hendricks – What Oregon law changed: Organized retail theft statute discussion change; statute of limitation updates which changes charging options.
- Merrick: What kind of support is CCSO providing retailers?

- Carpenter: Are blitz type missions making a difference, is the word getting out? Yes and no. Deterrence works for some but people stealing for addiction isn't deterred by much. Money and funding is also an issue. Grants are an option being looked at for additional funding.
- Rhodes: is retail theft causing residential burglaries going up? Unsure but likely still similar.
- Lack of defense counsel discussion; indigent defense counsel.

Laterals continue to apply from other states and counties.

CPT O'Neil:

Feb 28<sup>th</sup> shooting 122<sup>nd</sup>/Sunnyside; adult and juvenile in custody on this

90<sup>th</sup>/St Helens homicide in Clackamas; both suspect and girlfriend identified.

OIS in HV off Idelman Rd. Swat call out which hasn't gone to GJ yet.

Awards ceremony with lifesaving, meritorious service awards, commendations, and more.

14 Patrol deputies hired, 9 recruits in BGs, 3 in BGs, 26 recruits in some sort of training status. 5 more laterals in Training status. 7 graduating academy this Friday.

Discussion of next weeks budget meeting attendance.

## **V. Old Business:**

Roster/Recruitment:

Rhodes Motions to adjourn, Carpenter seconded and all in favor.

**\*Next Meeting Date – July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m. at Brooks Auditorium. \***