

Enhanced Law Enforcement District Advisory Committee

July 21th, 2022 6:30 pm

Sheriff's Office Brooks Building Auditorium

I. ROLL CALL:

Present: Dr. Dan Lowe, Michael Wilson, Mark Wells, Brian VanKleef, Gavin Carpenter, Nancy Whitley, Thomas Andrusko (Zoom?)

Absent: Eric Hendricks, Cpt. James Rhodes, Antonio Cabine, Bob Zimmer

CCSO staff present: Captain Brad O'Neil, Analyst Sarah Comstock,

Guests: Terry Emmert via Facetime (no-show), Clack. Co. Commissioner Shull, Clack. Co. Commissioner Savas

I. Roll Call (See above)

II. Approval of Agenda / Meeting called to order by Chair Dan Lowe: Wilson motions to approve agenda; Whitley seconds, all in favor.

III. Public Comment –

Steve Leitz – Business Owner Pizza Schmizza and Baskin Robbins, has concerns for crime at his stores. 3 weeks ago Baskin Robbins robbed and 15 year old worker robbed at gunpoint. All in a week robbery at one location, people trying to disable alarms, windows broken at another and deputies pounding on bathroom of business to collect suspect.

Question: Are streets attached to money given to Sheriff?

Commissioner Shull: Response: CC BCC (Clack Co. Board of County Commissioners) has no authority to direct County Sheriff. There is some influence on budget but cannot direct day to day operations. Shull very concerned about these issues.

Measure 110 Discussion. Discussed homelessness and legal system being part of problem for business owners struggling to make a living.

Wilson: Question about whether homeless population responsible for majority of incidents.

O'Neil: Not a crime to be homeless. Exclusion program reviewed. Confirmed Leitz's business property owner participates in this program. Discussion on how to best utilize these program resources.

BHU (Behavioral Health) resource discussion.

POH (Police Officer Hold) procedure/process discussed. Used as a last resort as consensus exists, Jail is not the appropriate place for people experiencing mental health crisis.

Leitz: Questions why there is such a high concentration of homelessness on 82nd and McLoughlin Blvd.

O'Neil: Public Transit is an attraction as the bus is free and in addition services are close. Pan handling in these busy business districts is more lucrative. It is also close to Portland, as both areas border the major city.

Wilson: Milwaukie not much better. Had to shut post office due to the homeless bathing and sleeping inside.

Carpenter: Asking for clarification on "reasonable amount of time to vacate" as it relates to removing people from properties due to an exclusion. O'Neil states a few minutes are

usually given but nothing is set in stone and done on case by case basis. People are asked to at least move a minimum of a block away.

Leitz: Feels helpless and as if exclusion program isn't working but admits not reporting all incidents.

O'Neil: Online reporting process explanation. Non-emergency reporting also reviewed. We need all incidents reported to have accurate statistics for appropriate resource allocation. Funding exists but staffing is the biggest struggle as far as resources are concerned at the moment. This same problem exists nation wide in all industries. 2020 10 Patrol Dep. hired. 2021 30 were hired and in 2022 plan to hire a minimum of 30 more/

Minimums for personnel- 86 deputies needed to keep districts full and have been below this the last couple shift bids. Currently will bid with 87 people. This is 3 more than 6 mos ago and one over mins. 15 more deputies will come out of training before end of September. People are resigning and retiring for a variety of reasons to include leaving state due to politics and are also leaving profession for same reason.

Leitz: Asking about possibility of doing a sting in the areas to address ongoing issues. Mentioned Buzza is his neighbor and they talked about idea of getting MH professionals together and walking through the camps to help register bikes, provide water and with enough interaction, he believes encampments will move as they don't like to be bothered.

Savas: Questions about what makes ELED different and what sort of enhanced services are provided. O'Neil: 36 depts designated with a couple of Sergeants and an LT. Additional discussion occurs.

Staffing study discussion. Results showed we need more deputies and will direct resources to this area.

Boise decision discussion: Can't enforce camping. Must offer services and if refuse, homeless can be moved along.

H3S: Grant: Homeless staying at hotels. Solutions determined at beginning of this once crime peaked at the hotels.

Shull: Believes intake center needed. This as well as shelters are being discussed with no concrete plans.

Wilson: Homeless Vets. Some want help, others don't.

Savas: Vet Village program success discussion.

Leitz: Asking about if he can receive money from County to hire people to send mailers out for program. This isn't a likelihood.

Wells: Discussion on "reporting fatigue".

O'Neil: Body Cam program discussion.

Leitz: States doesn't have time to self-report as trying to keep people employed.

Savas: Private security discussion; witness change in activity (gang) day after light rail opened in Milwaukie. 175 people came to a meeting stating crime skyrocketed.

Wilson: Proposing getting assistance from campers to police campers.

Whitley: Called re: abandoned vehicle and not 2 hours later it had been tagged and handled by S.O.

O'Neil: Retail theft proposal on his desk and only able to formulate this due to available facts and data.

VanKleef: Neighbors haven't discussed crime but have concerns about tolling on 205.

IV. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve Wilson

V. Adjourn:

Carpenter motions, Wilson seconds, all in favor.

***Next Meeting Date – September 15, 2022, 6:30 p.m. at Brooks Auditorium. ***