**PCRC #2 Minutes**

Wednesday, August 14

Meeting called to order at 7:00 by Linda Taylor.

Guest Speaker: Chief Hyatt

Chief Hyatt thanked everyone for taking time out of their schedules to attend the meeting. She said that community relations councils provide incredible support to the department. Since arriving to BCPD, she’s been incredibly impressed with the professionalism and dedication of officers. Moving forward, she is focusing on:

Officer health and wellness - furthering the work already underway

Crime reduction – She is cognizant of some of the decreases as well as the increases.  Unlocked cars are responsible for so many incidents.  Spread the word – lock your cars all the time and keep valuables out of vehicles.

Accountability - while officers are on the job, she wants to make sure that they’re doing it the most effective way possible.

Community engagement - Police work involves police and neighbors working together in the way it makes the most sense in each neighborhood.  This varies depending on the needs of each area. What are your biggest concerns and how can we do that together?

If you see something that concerns you, call 911.  Let the police confirm whether it’s an emergency or not.  BCPD will be recruiting for new officers soon.

*Questions from the floor included:*

Aircraft surveillance (in other jurisdictions): A lot of pre-work has to be done ahead of time to let people know and explain how aircraft are being used.

Businesses installing surveillance cameras: Chief Hyatt always encourages the installation of cameras and is examining how to use them even more effectively. Lt. Blackburn added later that while the police can’t compel businesses or individuals to install cameras, as a customer, you can express to a business owner the value that cameras have for you (sense of safety while patronizing the business).

Captain’s Report presented by Lt. Blackburn (Captain was on vacation):

Lt Blackburn emphasized locking doors and removing valuables from vehicle.

National Night Out - Weather held out. 10 events in precinct that evening.  Good fellowship and lots of great conversation.

Officer of the month for July - Officer Leatherman

164 pieces of enforcement for the month, an average of 11 pieces per day.

During one of his traffic arrests, Officer Leatherman discovered marijuana, 26 capsules of heroin, and 2 handguns in a vehicle.

*Questions from floor:*

Question about a device sending signal to unlock car doors - Lt. Blackburn said they’re out there (can be found on Amazon) but is not sure about their effectiveness

Liberty Court Shopping Center – questions about shipping containers in parking lot, extensive parking in fire lane

Unattended vehicles – Once a call about an abandoned vehicle is received [community can call 911 or non-emergency line 887-2222; suggest that you have make, model, and license plate number when you call], an officer will tag it and then check back within 2 days. If it hasn’t been moved, it is submitted for towing. It should be towed within 30 days. The county is working on getting an additional tow company involved in the process to reduce wait time.

School Resource Officers: 19 SROs were added last year. SROs participate in best practices training and preparations throughout the summer.

Minutes from the June 12 meeting were approved as written.  Sandy made motion. Ayes have it.

Treasurer’s report for May was approved.  Maurice made motion, seconded by Tom. Ayes have it.

Old Business

Officer Appreciation Day went well.  Bonnie and Grace compiled and distributed all thank you letters went out.  If you didn’t receive one, they might not have been able to read your email address. Please accept their thanks for your support.

Reminder that dues are $5 annually for an individual or $30 for a community.  Check can be made out to PCRC in care of Treasurer.

New Business

Question from the floor about a disruptive group home on Lakewood. Officers will follow up.

Raffle winner won $6.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by 7:43 and seconded by Maurice.  Ayes have it.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, September 11 at 7 at the precinct.

Submitted by: Sarah Smith, PCRC Secretary