

CLEMSON POLICE ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Date: Thursday, March 28, 2024

Members in Attendance: Madame Chair Lisa Robinson, Co-Chair Kevin Dull, Winton Hunter, Elaine Masceri, Sandy Edge, Chief Campos, Riley Wright, Pablo Unda

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by [Lisa Robinson](#) at 6:00pm.

Roll Call: Roll was called by Lisa Robinson. All members present except [Ashby Williams](#).

Approval of Agenda: Riley made motion to approve, Seconded by Winton Hunter. Motion passed

Approval of previous meeting minutes – Feb. 22, 2024: Riley Writh made motion to approve, Elaine Masceri seconded. Motion passed.

Citizen Comments: One citizen in audience but was not here to comment. No comments or concerns presented.

Department Status / Staffing Review: Chief Campos provided a synopsis of current matters with the Department.

- All vacancies but one are filled
- Yesterday one of our dispatchers that applied for patrol passed her entrance exam to the academy and she will start on Sunday.
- Two officers in FTO
- Two new hires just started last week, one was an officer from Walhalla and one was a city of seneca employee.
- One vacancy we are trying to fill in patrol
- The dispatch vacancy has been filled and she starts Monday. She comes to us from a correctional facility.
- Have one dispatcher in training that is moving right along but still has to go to jail school
- Just upgraded our BWC. Now using Axon body 3 and now using the cloud service they provide that is more efficient and is more secure. This is in relation to the budget variance we received from council.
- Vehicles: Our new vehicles are almost ready to be deployed. The striping and color will be different from the current vehicles but we will post it on social media so people know that they are legitimate.

Crime Review: Chief Campos gave a rundown of the crime statistics for February.

- answered 3401 calls for service
- 666 10-48
- 290 citations
- 19 arrested
- 27 MIP
- 25 noise complaints

- 59 vehicle collisions
- 6 of those had injuries
- 2 vehicle break ins
- 7 break ins to structures
- February was pretty light for major crimes
- 1 aggravated assaults
- The crime mapping is working - I put out a crime alert about a series of vehicle break-ins that occurred, this is where you can see where they occurred. I put the generic alerts out without a location so everyone will be vigilant and not just the ones around since these people rarely hit the same place twice.

Madam Chair Lisa Robinson asked if there was a specific time when most of these things occur?

Chief Campos said they can happen any night of the week and really at any time.

Kevin Dull asked if we communicate with other agencies to let them know what's going on when there is a string of crimes. Chief Campos said that we do. Detectives from multiple agencies have regular meetings to discuss things and see if there are patterns or similarities.

Madam Chair Lisa Robinson asked if some of the crimes are gang related or organized. Chief Campos advised that they are usually organized but not necessarily the type of gangs we typically think of. It's usually neighborhood kids that hang out and do these kinds of things.

Fake ID App Pilot Program: We partnered with Intellectcheck to offer up to 15 businesses the application that can be used to check for fake IDs. (Members given a sheet with statistics) I spoke to bouncers and other people that used it and they were surprised by the number of IDs that were fake. They were impressed with how easily it works and how effective it is. Two liquor stores and two convenience stores have signed up for this as well. "Ain't Pattys day" was a big test for it and it seemed to work. SLED alcohol division was out then as well and they only got a few that made it through. So far to date there were 8276 scans and 13% of them were fake.

Madam Chair Lisa Robinson asked if this was through grant money? Chief Campos advised that in about 2 weeks we will do a new conference. The funding through Phoenix center only funds for 6 months. We are hoping the University and City will pick it up so we can keep funding. Would like to do it for at least a year b/c we are working with healthy campus that wants to use it to compare the numbers they get. In Charleston Intellectcheck offered a discount for businesses that want to continue after the pilot is finished. Riley Wright asked were there businesses you offered it to that didn't want it? Chief Campos advised that there were several that declined.

Requested Presentations: Chief Campos advised that the city attorney has been very busy with council. Once things have slowed down, we will extend an invitation for him to do a presentation.

Board Member Open Discussion: Madame Chair Lisa Robinson asked if there are plans being made for the large student concert that will be on campus at the end of spring. Chief Campos advised that we are working with the University and the promoters to make sure it goes smoothly. There have been several meetings. They are working on identifying areas of issue incase of inclement weather, etc. I believe they are allowing people that sell parking during games to do that in this case as well.

Kevin Dull asked about homeless people that are down by Palmetto smokehouse, backed up against the wall but "speaking" to students ask they walk by. Chief Campos advised that until they do something to impede the pathway, is threatening, or the property owner wants them gone, they are not doing anything illegal for us to do anything.

Sand Edge asked about the new Open Carry law. Chief Campos advised that there is still a list of locations where you are not allowed to bring firearms. That includes schools, etc. Businesses can still restrict carry of weapons on their property if they properly follow the state laws about posting.

Adjournment: Sandy Edge made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Winton Hunter. Motion passed @ 6:45pm.

The next meeting will be held at 6:00 PM on Thursday, April 25, 2024, Council Chambers, Clemson City Hall.

Minutes submitted by: Karla Jones, Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Police, City of Clemson