

CLEMSON POLICE ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024

Members in Attendance: Co-Chair Kevin Dull, Winton Hunter, Elaine Masceri, Jacquie Myers, Sandy Edge, Chief Campos, [Riley Wright](#)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Kevin Dull @ 6:00pm.

Roll Call: Roll was called by [Kevin Dull](#). [Lisa Robinson](#) and Pablo Unda have excused absences. [Ashby Williams](#) not in attendance.

Approval of Agenda: Riley Wright made motion to approve, Seconded by Elaine Masceri. Approved.

Approval of previous meeting minutes – Jan.25,2024: Elaine Masceri made motion to approve, Riley seconded. Motion passed.

Citizen Comments: No citizens present in audience. No members have citizen comments to present.

Annual Report Review: Chief Campos presented the PD Annual Report for 2023. Covered budget, crime stats (crime is down across the state), # of tickets, warnings and traffic stops, use of force stats, traffic collisions, investigations, calls for service, detention center, and Statistic tables. Each member was given a copy of the report for review.

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

- 2 officers back from academy / one received the highest marksmanship award in his class
- conditional job offer to two officers in background phase
- anticipate a vacancy coming up shortly
- communications has vacancy due to one moving to patrol, but we have a conditional offer in to one for the job.
- Veh crash occurred a few weeks ago involving an officer in pursuit of stolen veh
 - it was a significant crash
 - ofc has minor injns
 - staff is still reviewing this and Highway Patrol worked the wreck
 - Internal investigation underway
 - Passenger caught / still looking for driver

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

- crime mapping is back up (still a few glitches)
- 25 MIP (minor in possession)
- on Feb 5 we did a detail with SLED for alcohol violations and had over 70 issued citations
- 3900 calls for service
- 749 traffic stops
- 349 citations
- 6 DUI arrests
- several business checks
- investigated 96 vehicle collisions
 - 35 w/ pis
- one rape reported
- 3 aggravated assault
- 1 burglary
- 1 motor vehicle theft
- 12 larceny
- 1 theft from a vehicle

- 7 narcotics arrests
- 2 charged with animal cruelty (abandonment)
 - dog left in a kennel in an apt and had not been there over a month
 - staff found animal
- 4 animal complaints
 - Elaine asked what happens to animal and how long they are held
 - They go to shelter / not sure of time frame
 - Ms. Myers advised it is a kill shelter and that is where she use to get dogs to train as service animals. Possible correlation in the increase in animal calls and increase in students getting “service dogs” that are not real service dogs.

Crime Mapping, Complaints, and traffic calming requests:

- We have an online complaint system that gets emailed to dispatch and supervisors
- Noise complaints are the highest
 - Unfortunately, they don't often give us enough information to find the issue and if anonymous we can't reach out to get more information.
 - Some give tags for vehicles but if they don't come back locally it's hard to find
 - You can call in the complaints as well
- We do get complaints for issues with landlords or issues with apartments that we cannot do anything with
 - they can't get their AC fixed
 - can't find parking at their apts

Jacquie Myers asked about the large drug case from Freedom Dr.

- Still ongoing but the offender is no longer here
- Chief Campos advised we have several open narcotics cases / we are applying for a grant to hire another narcotics investigator.
 - most of what we see are college age kids engaged in use of illicit drugs
 - Not contained to a specific region, it is an issue all over.

Winton Hunter asked about squatters. Chief Campos advised it depends on the situation but not a large issue here. Usually something that has to go through courts or go through trespass.

Kevin Dull asked if there is an increase of homeless. Chief Campos advised it seems to be consistent. See less in winter b/c it's cold and they are seeking shelter. In summer they are more visible. We have had to break up an encampment. Seen a lot near Abernathy Park and up and down US123. If they are just holding a sign and not illegally on the road or breaking the law, then we cannot do anything about them. It is an ongoing issue. They mostly hang out in areas b/c people are giving them things. We do have shelters in the area to help people. Some people don't want to go to the shelters b/c they don't want to follow the rules.

Requested Presentations: Requested again for the new city lawyer to do a presentation.

Board Member Open Discussion: Elaine asked about the new apartments coming in. (Riggs & The Hub). Will these developments mean we will need more officers? Chief Campos - we did the officer per population comparison and we are still waiting on the staffing study. Asking for two new officers and a detective. I am also asking for new cars. We only got 5 last year and had 4 totalled. Note that the new cars will look different than the old vehicles and we will send it out to everyone so they know it is real. We also need new equipment in those vehicles. Administrator and several council members have had conversations and we all know it needs to occur. Not just PD but other departments as well need more people.

Ms. Myers asked about the high turnover rate. Was it pandemic, increase, change in regime, or what? Chief Campos said since he has been here some left b/c the old regime was not here, some retired, most that have left have gone to SLED, back home to where they were from, or they left law enforcement all together. Elaine asked if the benefits made a difference since HP had better benefits or the county. CC not sure.

Kevin Dull asked about the “service dogs” on campus. Mrs. Myers stated that her husband helped draw up some of the verbage for that and a lot of them are not true service dogs, just “support animals”. Riley advised he has seen a lot of that with people he knows. Service dogs can go anywhere with you but “support animals” are not allowed to. Kevin asked if we could have someone speak about that and the ADA guidelines. Mrs. Myers advised she knew someone that could do that. (Link to the ADA site explaining things was emailed to the board)

Sandy Edge asked what we could actually do about the traffic issue. Chief Campos advised they do have quarterly meetings with DOT. A lot of the issues are occurring on state roads and would need to be handled by DOT. We are also getting a new Sheriff in PC b/c the current sheriff is not running again.

Adjournment: Riley Wright made a motion to adjourn, Sandy Edge 2nd. Motion passed.

The next meeting will be held at 6:00 PM on Thursday, March 28, 2024, Council Chambers, Clemson City Hall.

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