

CITIZENS PUBLIC SAFETY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES
November 10, 2016

The Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met at 4:00 p.m. in the Study Session Room located at 201 W. Gray Street on the 10th day of November, 2016, and notice and agenda of the meeting were posted at City Hall located at 201 W. Gray Street 24 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

PRESENT: Chair Eddie Sims, Members Matthew Leal, Bill Scanlon, Melanie Hayes, Linda Price, and David Wilson

ABSENT: Member Joan Goth, Mike McIlvoy, Lea Greenleaf

COMMITTEE LIAISONS: Robert Wasoski, FOP (absent)
Lindsay Echols, OU (absent)
IAFF (position vacant)

STAFF PRESENT: Suzanne Krohmer, Budget Manager
Capt. Shawn Hawkins, NPD
Lt. Chad Vincent, NPD
Lt. Brent Barbour, NPD

Item 2, being

INTRODUCTION OF STAFF AND GUESTS

Chair Sims called the meeting to order. He welcomed staff and guests to the meeting and asked them to introduce themselves. Among the guests were OU students who were writing papers on local government meetings.

Item 3, being

APPROVAL OF THE CITIZENS PUBLIC SAFETY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 13, 2016.

Member Price made a motion to approve the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee minutes of the October 13, 2016 meeting, which motion was duly seconded by Member Leal; and the question being to approve the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee minutes of October 13, 2016 with the changes, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Chair Eddie Sims, Members Matthew Leal,
Bill Scanlon, Melanie Hayes, Linda Price,
and David Wilson

NAYES: None

Chair Eddie Sims declared the motion carried and the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee minutes of October 13, 2016 are approved.

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ITEM 4, being:

MONTHLY UPDATES

Finance Report

Suzanne Krohmer made the presentation. The \$259,000 refund under revenue for the month of Oct. is a refund from Taser and is associated with the termination of the Body Camera contract. Lt. Hawkins stated that we did indeed receive the money back from Taser. We had paid in advance and then they broke the contract so we received the refund.

Fire Department

Member Scanlon attended the Academy Graduation ceremony. He stated that 12 recruits were awarded their badges.

Police Report

Captain Hawkins made the presentation. He stated that we still have 20 cadets in the Academy. March 9th is the graduation date. COP tracking hours are calculated differently now. There were 530 hours for October.

The Police Department had a Phase II meeting for Crime Free Multi-Housing with the Old Tuscan Village on Hal Muldrow. We also went to all of the Middle Schools and met with the teachers and administrators in reference to the Juvenile Intervention and the Police Athletics League for next summer. The SRO's attended the Operation School Bell to help get clothes to kids in need. This month's Coffee with a Cop was held at Starbucks on campus. We also had Coffee with a Teacher at Wilson Elementary on the 11th. The Police Department also partnered with the Ministerial Alliance to host Dinner with a Cop at different churches. They started with the First Baptist Church, North Haven Church, and most recently Cane's with a Cop. On the 10th of October we had Voices for Norman forum that was hosted by the Ministerial Alliance. We participated in the domestic violence balloon release on the 12th. We also participated in a local business' grand opening on the 25th. November 21st is the graduation of the Citizens Police Academy. The Traffic Division is planning another Operation Cadence for Black Friday for traffic safety and impairment. The SRO's are really busy and are getting great feedback from the parents and teachers.

Captain Hawkins stated that he does have the rough draft from the Community Policing Self-Assessment Tool. The largest part of this survey was the Police assessing themselves and it came out well. He hopes to have a presentation on this for the next meeting of the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee.

Member Wilson stated that he was present for the Operation School Bell and it was very successful. He hopes it is an ongoing event.

Captain Hawkins stated that the Norman Police Department has been asked to assist the Rotary Club with their bike and helmet giveaways at the elementary schools. Each quarter a student's name is drawn and it is based on a student's attendance.

Member Scanlon asked what the status of the Juvenile Intervention Program is. Captain Hawkins stated that we have about 3 kids active. He also stated that the program is 100% referral based and they rely on teachers and counselors for those referrals. There are now 7 kids waiting to have intakes done so that the Police Department can get them some counseling and mentoring. Some of the mentors are SROs, officers on gang units (these have now decided not to mentor any longer), and they are searching for other mentors. Member Leal asked what the age range is for the Juvenile Intervention Program. Captain Hawkins stated they will offer assistance to anyone under 18 but they really like to focus on middle school aged children.

Chair Sims asked if there is any news on the grant for additional funding for SROs. Captain Hawkins stated that the Police Department did not receive that grant and they have no timeline as to when they will get more. We will get more eventually.

Member Scanlon asked if there was any feedback from the Chief of Police Association in San Diego. Lt. Barbour stated that he attended the convention and it was a very positive experience. There were a lot of topics on community policing and body cameras. They got many good contacts from the experience as well.

Member Scanlon asked what the schedule is for the purchase of the armored rescue vehicle. Captain Hawkins stated that he did not know. Member Price stated that the Finance Committee is going to form some focus groups in the future after the holidays. Member Scanlon stated that Chief Humphrey is meeting individually with Council Members on the subject.

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ITEM 5, being:

DISCUSSION REGARDING PHASE II RADIO CONSULTANTS AND RADIO SYSTEM UPDATE

Captain Hawkins stated that negotiations are ongoing with the chosen vendor and they are going through the contract. Member Scanlon asked if there is a timeline for choosing the radio. Captain Hawkins stated that there was not.

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ITEM 6, being:

UPDATE ON EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER (EOC) PROJECT

No update.

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ITEM 7, being

UPDATE ON POLICE BODY CAMERAS

Lt. Barbour made the presentation. He stated that we have gone through testing period and have chosen 1 vendor. We are working on the spending amounts and the contract. We are in the process of getting this contract presented to the City Council for approval. The expectation is we will receive the body cameras 6 weeks after the Council approves the contract. We are prepared to go live in February or March. There is a public forum on Dec. 5th at 6pm in the Council chambers. This forum will include some real life examples. The City Council meeting where the contract will be approved is Dec. 13th, which would put the approval for the body cameras in early December.

Member Leal stated that he missed the demonstrations from the vendors and asked if there were any differences in the body cameras. Lt. Barbour stated that the specs haven't changed, but technology has already changed making the new ones more user friendly and more clear. The Lens angle view is larger, the video quality is better and the car cameras work well with the new body cameras.

Member Leal asked about the data storage in the new body camera. Lt. Barbour stated that we still will have a significant amount of data storage and that retention as of right now is 90 days and will increase exponentially. Storage is the expensive part of this technology.

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ITEM 8, being:

PRESENTATION ON POLICE PROTOCOL

Lt. Vincent made the presentation and passed out a "use of force" handout. He stated that he makes sure that we keep the officers trained and we continually train throughout each officer's career. The Supreme Court ruled on the Reasonable Officer Standard for force. It is judged on in the moment not after the fact. Police Cadets get this training on minimum force requirements. The focus is on de-escalation.

There are many factors to take in to account when deciding on what force to use in a given situation. There are also options for use of force; it is a stair-step process. 1. Command presence. This is the

lowest level of force. 2. Communication. 3. Hands on or control techniques. This is the way we hold or move people. 4. Defensive techniques. This is when a police officer is in a fight. 5. Fatal force. This is the last option.

There are also control techniques. 1. Compliance techniques which are hands on. 2. Spray 3. Taser.

Next there are defense techniques. These are active counter measures or striking measures.

Last is deadly force. This includes firearms and weapons of opportunity. These can include a police car, radio, etc.

The system that we teach is called the Oklahoma Custody Control System. This is always about communication. The trends in the use of force industry include verbal judo, multiple opponents or riots, ambushes, reality based scenario training, use of force reporting, and post traumatic resources.

The use of force key concept is to disengage by creating space or waiting for more officers to show up. We also understand that many other ways to handle a situation in the moment are acceptable other than what we train for. The Norman Police Department policy on use of force mirrors the state statute. Our policy is to only use force as necessary and is at the officer's discretion, as well as the use of tools in the situation. The objective of every encounter is to avoid or minimize injury. Officers do not have to be hit or shot at first to use force. An officer may use deadly force to protect her or himself and others or to stop a fleeing subject that continues to inflict injury.

Member Scanlon stated that he is impressed with the techniques of the Norman Police Department.

Member Price stated that she was impressed with the Police Academy video that was shown and the stress factor that people are unaware of in those situations. Lt. Vincent stated that that is why scenario based training is good because you have to make a split second decision. Lt. Vincent stated that we are fortunate to have the training and resources that we have.

Member Wilson asked how long an academy graduate works with a veteran training officer. Lt. Vincent stated that cadets do a 6 month Academy and then do 4-5 months with a veteran officer.

Lt. Vincent stated that use of force incidents are very small in Norman.

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Item 9, being

ESTABLISH MEETING CALENDAR FOR 2017 AND CHAIR, VICE CHAIR REAPPOINTMENTS

A motion was made by Member Price and seconded by Member Leal to set the 2017 schedule for the Citizen's Public Safety Oversight Committee at the second Thursday of every month at 4 pm. This was approved unanimously. Major Younger asked if the March meeting could be held at the same venue as the Police Department graduation since they are on the same day. All stated that this would be a good idea. Member Price also made a motion to continue to have Chair Sims and Vice Chair Wilson remain in their positions. Member Leal seconded this motion. This was approved unanimously.

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Item 10, being

ESTABLISH AGENDA TOPICS FOR THE NEXT DECEMBER 8TH MEETING

The Committee would like to discuss the Police self-assessment, radio update, EOC update, in January the use of force simulator, and in February SRO update. Member Wilson would like to have a topic over sexual assault response and fair investigations or protocol. We could also contact the Women's Resource Center at the same time. Member Price stated that the My Body My Life Program would be really helpful. Member Wilson stated that the elementary schools work with Bethesda for intervention programs. Lt. Vincent stated that the expansion of the SRO program is going to touch on all of these things. Member Wilson stated that it might be a good idea to host this topic of sexual assault in the format of a panel discussion.

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Item 11, being

MISCELLANIOUS COMMENTS

None

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Item 12, being

ADJOURNMENT

Member Price moved that the meeting be adjourned. Member Leal seconded the motion. Chair Sims declared the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee adjourned.