

**City of Troutdale**  
**Public Safety Advisory Committee**  
**September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 7:00 pm**

**ATTENDING:** Jon Brown, Tina Tebbens, Jason Gates, Justin McCauley and Chief Scott Anderson.

**ABSENT:** Mike Goss, Jerry Stitzel, Jorgan Shaw, and Joe Carlson. **GUESTS:** Jim Jensen.

- I. **Roll Call** Chief Anderson went through the roll call of the committee.
- II. **Minutes** There were no minutes due to a recording problem at the August meeting.
- III. **Public Comment** There was no public comment.

IV. **Update on 2009 Goals** Committee members reviewed the 2009 Goals, recorded in a separate document titled, PSAC 2009 Goals and attached to these minutes. Other additional discussion around goals:

**Goal 4 Coordinate the 2009 Troutdale area Christmas Toy Drive**

- Justin noted that RHS might be able to do a new Christmas tree for the PSAC toy drive in addition to their others, and will bring his contact person's information in the event Jorgan and Jon want to meet with him next year.
- Jim Jensen has some contact information for the group that may be able to assist with foster child needs.
- Jon pointed out someone was going to do a draft of a letter for donations to go through Jerry's church. Jason offered to draft a letter to that end.

**Goal 9 Add a proactive Crime Analysis position, without adding another FTE**

- The Chief explained the grant we received is \$21,000 for Troutdale coupled with \$13,000 for Fairview to be used over a 3 year period. This means either a match in funds now or a part time position and the requirement is for agencies to pick up the position in 3 years. Possibilities include a college intern, or retired law enforcement. Since we have some crime analysis software now, the position could transition to neighborhood coordinator to accomplish community policing goals. Chief Anderson will have discussions with MHCC's Chris Gorsek and the committee should have an in-depth discussion about alternatives in October.

**Goal 11 Produce the 2010 Troutdale Police Dept. Recognition and Awards Ceremony**

- Chief Anderson noted that prior to securing the room, deposit money needs to be acquired as it was not provided in the department's budget this year.
- Chief Anderson reported on an estimate of expenses of the last year's award ceremony as follows: plaques \$550, medals \$420, certificates \$20 and room rental \$300 for a total of approximately \$1600.

V. **Strengthen Community Policing**

Chief Anderson provided a status report regarding implementation of the Community Policing Vision document. His goal is to provide the vision, and he has asked officers to look at this

document, recognize where we are, and have sergeants make sure we're employing all of the strategies necessary to achieve it. Involving officers provides greater problem solving and encourages their buy-in. The department is looking at assigned geographical territory as one avenue to help with problem solving, and accountability. Now that the crime analysis system is on its way to being in place, we can encourage and support people in neighborhoods to get involved and build crime resistant neighborhoods. In the future, we will need someone to take the lead (crime prevention) in order to make it happen and sustain it. Eventually, a strategic plan that includes being on the offensive as we solve problems will be produced.

## **VI. Closing Comments**

Jim Jenson noted that the International Optimists came up with an internet safety program to assist kids, and he will set up a time to come down and show it to the Chief in the event the department might utilize it.

Justin stated that as we discuss community involvement, immediate graffiti removal is a need in the community. He added that oftentimes communities wait until there is a huge problem before organizing that community base instead of being proactive. Tina agreed adding she has noticed an increase of the problem around their neighborhood.

Jason noted that Multnomah County used to utilize community service crews to do the abatement until the budget situation became a problem. One of the issues they encountered was publicly owned and private property. Any removal program should include asking for permission of private property owners and obtaining a signed waiver. In addition, Wood Village has a code requirement to remove it the graffiti, based on the broken window principle. He added that there are 2 different types of taggers – gangsters and attention seekers.

Justin said that Reynolds High School has an immediate response policy that dictates employees inspect property daily for removal within that day. Chief Anderson reported that Dave Brown, pastor of East Hill chapel loan graffiti removal kits that he keeps stocked with supplies from Sherwin Williams. Removal on metal works but if the graffiti is on wood fencing, pressure washing or painting is needed. Justin concluded that the removal has an incredibly public impact when the community sees an active stance taken by its members in this area.

Jason related a recent experience of Troutdale Police officers in action when a neighbor reported a teenager having a party while her parents were out of town. They handled it well, observing who was coming out of the house, stopping and checking people, and accounting for each teen's safety. He was impressed they took the time to call everybody's parents.

Jason reported on a pilot program he would like to get implemented within the 5 agencies. It is a program where parents are automatically notified anytime their child is stopped (why, what time, who was with them, etc). by virtue of a sticker on the vehicle. It doesn't give the officer probable cause to stop but if they are, the sticker indicates they are involved in the program. It would need a program administrator and as of yet there is no commitment of agency participation.

All were in favor and the meeting adjourned. Tina moved, John seconded it all in favor and meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be held on Thursday October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009.

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