

**MINUTES  
CITY OF ORMOND BEACH  
CITIZENS LAW ENFORCEMENT ADVISORY BOARD**

**February 28, 2017**

**7:00 PM**

Ormond Beach Police Department  
Conference Room  
170 W. Granada Blvd.  
Ormond Beach, Florida 32174

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kevin Tilley at 6:58 p.m.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

Chairman Tilley welcomed new board member Ken Kimble and audience member Robert Kaminski

**ROLL CALL**

All members present: Kevin Tilley, Matthew Pittman, Jeremy Buckmaster, Ed Shumaker and Ken Kimble

Also present were: Chief Robert "Jesse" Godfrey, Lieutenant James Doggett, Sergeant Michelle Gaden and Recording Secretary Sandy Smith

**ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER**

Robert Kaminski requested to speak to the Board regarding his complaint #PSI16-010. He first stated he felt review boards are not notoriously known for being fair around the country. Mr. Kaminski noted he was 81 years old at the time of the incident and he felt he was mistreated by the Officer and that the Officer was out of bounds. He felt like the Officer should have asked him if he had any health issues. Said his friend could not pick him up because she doesn't drive at night. He felt like the Officer could have taken him to the friend's location which was only five (5) minutes away from where he was and all of this could have been avoided. He stated these review boards do not mean anything to him and neither does the letter he received from the Chief of Police.

Mr. Tilley noted his comments are on record.

Mr. Shumaker asked Mr. Kaminski if he had ever been arrested before this incident to which Mr. Kaminski replied, "no". At the time you were arrested, did you have any valuables on you? "Yes, I did". Mr. Shumaker said in the findings, your friend stated she could not take you home in your condition. Mr. Shumaker noted that it is not the Officer's duty to provide transportation and no evidence was provided that Mr. Kaminski was mishandled. Mr. Shumaker made note that he as a citizen of Ormond Beach felt Mr. Kaminski should have come in front of the Board to commend the actions of the Officer involved for helping him that night in a way that protected him and his valuables.

Mr. Pittman noted the Officer protected Mr. Kaminski from getting into the vehicle and driving, also from being robbed and protected the citizens of this community that night.

Mr. Kaminski said he was offended by the comments made by the Board members.

Mr. Buckmaster commented on the Officer allowing Mr. Kaminski to make the phone call to his friend is not something often seen or heard about.

The Board thanked Mr. Kaminski for presenting his case.

Mr. Shumaker questioned the wordage "the member acted *properly under the circumstances*" in the Complaint Results Letter sent to the recipient was confusing and should say "the Officer acted *improperly under the circumstances*".

Sergeant Gaden advised this case was closed by the State Attorney's office.

#### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Mr. Shumaker nominated Kevin Tilley as Chairman and Matthew Pittman as Vice-Chairman. All in favor, motion passed unanimously.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES from November 8, 2016**

Mr. Shumaker made a motion to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Mr. Pittman. All in favor; motion passed unanimously.

#### **REVIEW OF FILES:**

Internal Affairs: #16-016; 16-017; 16-018

Response to Resistance Reports: #16-061; 16-062; 16-063; 16-064; 16-065; 16-066; 16-067; 16-068; 16-069; 16-070; 16-071; 16-072; 16-073; 16-074; 16-075; 17-001; 17-002

Vehicle Pursuits: NONE

Professional Standards Inquiry: #16-010; 16-011; 16-012; 16-013; 16-014; 16-015; 16-016

#### **DISCUSSION:**

Mr. Pittman discussed (#IA16-017) pursuit of a speeding vehicle. What level of discipline is a written reprimand? Chief Godfrey mentioned, 1<sup>st</sup> level of discipline provides for counseling, 2<sup>nd</sup> level of discipline provides for written reprimand, after that, it is suspension, demotion or termination. How would you ticket someone for speeding without radar? Chief replied another way to address speeding without radar would be to use your car speedometer by indicating how far you followed the vehicle, at what speed, whether you were gaining or losing speed or vehicle was pulling away from you would result in a pacing style ticket. Mr. Shumaker also commented, when your speedometer was last calibrated.

Mr. Tilley made a general observation and noted more cases with firearms were reviewed. He asked, "What does it mean when you hear "drive" stun from police when using a taser? Chief explained, "a taser shoots out two small dart-like prongs that hook into the flesh creating an electric shock and a "drive" stun does not fire the prongs but instead Officer pushes the taser into the subject's body, delivering a controlled stun that stops when withdrawn".

Chairman Tilley asked Chief Godfrey, "What is the outlook for the year in terms of getting support needed from the City, its citizens and the Board"?

Chief replied, "one of the strengths of the Ormond Beach Police Department portrayed by the men and women of this department, they are community oriented, they engage with the community in the right way, this goes a long way in building trust and support within the community. One of the goals I have is to continue doing what we are doing and build upon it. As far as support from the Board, I can't ask you to do any more than you have done, I like the fact that you are asking these questions and we are able to educate. Ormond Beach Police Department provides annual in-service training. We continue to look at what's trending and to review policies and procedures. Our number one crime in the City of Ormond Beach is car burglaries. In spite of our efforts to educate the public it still hasn't stuck yet".

Mr. Pittman noticed in reviewing files, a lot of pursuits that started off in neighboring cities ended up here.

Mr. Tilley asked about social media cases. Chief replied, "Accreditation Specialist and Public Information Officer have access to and monitor our social media page".

Mr. Tilley asked that an annual re-cap be provided at next meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT / NEXT MEETING:**

Next meeting Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at 7:00 pm

There being no further business, Mr. Buckmaster made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Pittman & Mr. Kimble, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

*Kevin Tilley 5/9/17*  
Kevin Tilley, Chairman