

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

February 27, 2018

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 guest Mr. Bill Denny.

ROLL CALL

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

Also present were: Chief Robert "Jesse" Godfrey, Captain Lisa Rosenthal, Sergeant Michelle Willis and Recording Secretary Sandy Smith

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Pittman nominated Kevin Tilley for Chairman and Mr. Buckmaster nominated Matthew Pittman as Vice-Chairman. All were in favor of the nominations.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES from November 14, 2017

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

REVIEW OF FILES:

Internal Affairs: #17-009; 17-013; 17-014

Response to Resistance Reports: #17-048; 17-049; 17-050; 17-051; 17-052; 17-053; 17-054; 17-055

Vehicle Pursuits: 17-001

Professional Standards Inquiry: #17-008; 17-009; 17-010; 17-011

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Shumaker requested to discuss IA17-009. Mr. Shumaker wanted to verify this case had been completed due to an incident at the Courthouse involving the Officer's father and the complainant. Chief reported this case was closed and the incident at the Courthouse was not part of the parameters of the initial investigation.

Chief noted the officer involved received a written reprimand for his actions. Mr. Pittman commented that in the report the officer commented he was "not on duty" and Mr. Pittman felt like Law Enforcement Officers were always on duty. Chief noted the

comment was brought to the attention of the officer involved and he was reminded to maintain his professionalism at all times.

Mr. Tilley asked about Response to Resistance Case UF17-048 in which a male was acting erratically and not making sense. Mr. Tilley questioned if the Police Department personnel determined what kind of drugs the person was on? Chief stated typically the department does not receive medical information when it involves a Baker Act situation.

Mr. Tilley noted in Case UF17-052 car breaks seemed to be down.

Mr. Pittman asked in reference to Case UF17-050 was the Chief "off-duty". Chief responded, "yes, I was actually". County Deputies arrived to conduct an investigation of the driver Chief Godfrey witnessed driving all over the roadway. Chief Godfrey assisted the Deputies with handcuffing the subject.

Mr. Tilley asked about resources used in Case UF17-055 called Rapid ID. Chief responded that it is a handheld device which is basically a fingerprint reader to assist with identification.

VP17-001, Mr. Pittman questioned, how are hours determined when a suspension is implemented? Officers are scheduled to work a 12 hour shift and Chief replied, "a decision was made to give them a day off using 8 hours as a day." In the future, we will use whatever shift hours they work, i.e. 8 or 10 or 12 to determine the hours for suspension. Both individuals in this case received 8 hours off. Mr. Pittman asked if it was common for the City not to issue a pursuit and Volusia County to issue pursuit. Chief responded, "we formed our policies after the County and if it is a violent felony within certain perimeters we will issue pursuit but, if it is a regular or unknown felony or we don't know what we have, we might deploy stop sticks and not chase. The reason we changed our policy to be more in line with what the County is doing is because quite frequently, we would not chase and they would or we would deploy stop sticks and they wouldn't. So we modeled our policy after the County's and other jurisdictions did the same". Mr. Tilley noted OBPD officers were instructed not to pursue onto I-95 which Chief confirmed. Chief noted Supervisors are to get on their radio and dictate what should be done. The two officers involved were disciplined.

PSI 17-008 Mr. Tilley asked if the person running a gun business out of his home was legal. Chief noted homeowner failed to register his business with the City and was contacted. Homeowner agreed to obtain the required business tax receipts in order to operate his home based business which is legal.

UF 17-053 Mr. Shumaker asked about the person who left \$500 on the front doorstep. Was there any follow up regarding the person and his state of mind? The homeowner had been told the person at the front door had been drugged and not in his right mind. Chief will follow up on this and respond directly to Mr. Shumaker.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Mr. Pittman requested extra patrols at the baseball fields now that youth baseball season has begun. Hours of games are between 6 pm and 10 pm.

Mr. Shumaker noted traffic jams continue on Granada near site of new shopping center.

Chief advised new traffic safety improvements lights have been placed at major intersections making it safer for law enforcement personnel to work the intersection for violators. Our traffic unit supervisor had several of those lights replaced after the storms. Other traffic safety light improvements included two reflective flashing beacon lights at the crosswalk near the Grind Restaurant on Granada Blvd. and the one near Andy Romano Park. Several other crosswalks continue to be discussed at Commission meetings as well as Hand Avenue East/West extension road.

Mr. Tilley asked if there are any major concerns for this year's Bike Week. Chief stated extra staffing will be in place for traffic issues. There were no fatalities reported during bike week last year.

Mr. Tilley asked about protection for schools. Chief noted slowly trickling down to the local level. Our Governor is working on legislation to place a Police Officer at every school.

Mr. Shumaker asked if OBPD had any Active Shooter training. When the good guys do arrive, how do they know who is who? Chief responded that he initiated a meeting here at the Ormond Beach Police Department with clergy from our local churches to discuss this same issue. Chief spoke to the Pastors and whether they refer to their teams as Safe team, Worship team, Security team the conversation was I'm not going to tell you how to keep your church safe but when the shooting happens I'm going to tell you how we are going to respond and how we wish and hope you will respond. He told all the Churches whatever system you come up with, preach this, once law enforcement arrives on scene and you will know when we are on scene, tell your security teams or concealed carry guys to get down on the floor and get away from the weapon. That will prevent the blue on blue friendly fire incident. Just remember once we get there, know we are there looking for the guy with the gun, so if you are standing on the gun and we challenge you to drop the gun, you better drop it. Get in a prone position so you don't become a victim. You don't want to be mistaken for a bad guy.

ADJOURNMENT / NEXT MEETING:

Next meeting Tuesday, May 22, 2018 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 7:32 pm


Kevin Tilley, Chairman