

MINUTES OF THE METRO POLICE AUTHORITY OF GENESEE COUNTY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON APRIL 24, 2019

METRO POLICE AUTHORITY OF GENESEE COUNTY BUILDING
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The Regular Meeting of the Metro Police Authority of Genesee County was called to order by the Board Chair, Kay Doerr on April 24, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. Kay Doerr welcomed everyone and asked David Krueger to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kay Doerr requested Janette MacAinsh to do a roll call of members present.

Present: Kay Doerr, David Krueger, Cory Bostwick, Dennis Cramer, Rae Lynn Hicks, Tonya Ketzler and Vane King.

Also Present: Chief Matt Bade, Lieutenant Joel Grahn, Shawna Farrell, Adam Zettel, and Chad Young.

MINUTES

Kay Doerr requested a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. David Krueger made a motion to accept the minutes as printed; Tonya Ketzler supported the motion. **MOTION CARRIED**, unanimously.

AGENDA

Kay Doerr presented the agenda for approval. Tonya Ketzler made a motion to accept the agenda; Cory Bostwick seconded the motion. Chief Matt Bade requested an addition of GAIN and FANG update and an update on the fundraising. Tonya Ketzler said they were not ready to present anything on the fundraiser. Chief Bade asked that the GAIN and FANG update be added as number 5. Dennis Cramer made a motion to accept the agenda with changes when it was clarified that there was already a motion on the floor. Tonya Ketzler restated her motion with the change; David Krueger supported the motion. **MOTION CARRIED**, unanimously.

1. DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY

Kay Doerr turned the meeting over to Chief Matt Bade and Lt. Joel Grahn regarding department activity.

- A. SRO Szmansky – Chief Bade reported the assault on Officer Szmansky by a student at Carman-Ainsworth middle school where the student donkey-kicked Officer Szmansky in the knee. Chief Bade reported that Officer Szmansky has a tear to the ACL and will be off work for a while and may need surgery. Chief Bade reported that during the interim Officer Ortiz will be taking over the SRO position at the school. Tonya Ketzler asked Chief Bade to give Officer Szmansky well wishes from the Board.
- B. Narcan – Wellness Services – Chief Bade reported that Board Chair Kay Doerr recommended that he look into the Wellness Services for a supply of Narcan. Chief

Bade directed Sgt. Johnson to look into it, and was able to obtain a supply of 40 Narcan canisters for free which would typically cost the department \$35 a unit.

- C. Genesee County Prevention Coalition/DEA Drug Take Back – Chief Bade said Drug Take Back is scheduled for Saturday, April 30, 2019, (*CORRECTION: Saturday, April 27, 2019*) from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and both the main Metro office and Swartz Creek office will be open for the event.
 - D. Handle with Care Program – Lt. Joel Grahn reported that the Handle With Care Program was set up to help children who have experienced traumatic events. Lt. Grahn explained that the Officer will contact Handle With Care, and then Handle With Care will in turn notify the school to let them know the child was involved in an event. Lt. Grahn said the program is looking for input from the officers. Lt. Grahn said that Officer Jeff Storms had received a letter of appreciation from Handle With Care for notifying them of an event, allowing Handle With Care to follow up with the school.
 - E. Hundred Club Grant Request – Chief Bade reported that every year the Hundred Club of Genesee County asks for submissions for grant requests from local police and fire agencies for safety related equipment. Chief Bade said that this year he has applied for a request for tactical tourniquets that Officers can wear on their belts and that can be self-applied. Chief Bade said the department is waiting to hear back for a response in regards to the request.
 - F. Problem Oriented Policing Initiatives – Chief Bade said this is a business model being applied moving forward. Chief Bade said that as the transitional phase of the new department closes, we can focus on building the brand, culture, and business model. Chief Bade said that Problem Oriented Policing looks at what is dealt with on a daily basis, and looks at handling the disorder as problem solvers, rather than just crime fighting. Chief Bade said he has been meeting with officers individually and explaining this model and to get their input. Chief Bade said we have no crime analyst on staff, but that Michigan State has a master’s program in crime analysis, and he will be trying to set up an internship that could be a mutually beneficial.
 - G. Therapy Dog – Chief Bade reported that he had been approached by a Mundy Township resident who is a certified therapy dog handler, fully insured, and has put herself on call with the department to make her dogs available when needed.
2. **Meeting schedule discussion.** Kay Doerr asked if there was a problem with the meeting schedule. Chief Bade reminded the Chair that there had been discussion of an evening meeting. Board comments. Kay Doerr asked that the topic be brought back to the Agenda.
3. **Budget.** Shawna Farrell reported that the budget is doing very well with the exception of ordinance/fines account. Shawna Farrell said she had just received a report from the Court, and will update the Board on that report. Shawna Farrel reported that the shortage in that account is due to the split of the fees with Mundy Township, but doesn’t think we need a budget amendment at this time. Tonya Ketzler made a motion to accept the financials; David Krueger supported the motion. **MOTION CARRIED**, unanimously.

4. **Board Member Identification.** Chief Bade reported there is no way to identify the Board members at events, and was looking for ideas for identifying the Board members to the public. There was Board discussion about ideas. Chief Bade said at the next meeting pictured badges could be done in-house.
5. **GAIN and FANG.** Dennis Cramer reported that he hasn't been able to contact Representative Cherry or Senator Horn's office regarding the forfeiture issue. Dennis Cramer also reported that he had received a GAIN report, as reported by John Gilbert, that \$1,587,450.00 is the total revenue for the GAIN program.
6. **Face of Evil.** Lt. Grahn reported that the department was contacted by a production company last year about a case in Mundy Township. Lt. Grahn said the case was from a 2003 case regarding Dorothy Murphy who was reported missing from Chateau Torrey Hills. Lt. Grahn reported that the program would be showing on ID Network, Face of Evil, on Thursday, April 25, 2019 at 10:00 p.m. Board members requested that it be added to the website.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Adam Zettel said he has known Chief Bade to be working on Problem Oriented Policing as an interest for years, and glad to see it implemented and encouraged board members to talk about it as one of the highlights of the department. Adam Zettel spoke about from the City standpoint the equivalent program would be asset management. Instead of always making repairs, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure philosophy. He thinks in policing it will show itself to be that pronounced given time and the change in culture and training. Adam Zettel told an example used in textbooks for administrators of the Washington Monument.

Adam Zettel said in police work it's the same type of thing. Adam Zettel said sometimes you have to get to the source of something and why it's occurring. Adam Zettel further stated that Problem Oriented Policing is a proven effective mechanism to effect change at the most profound level.

Dennis Cramer said that he has reached out to Swartz Creek Community Schools to volunteer to teach a course on American Civics. Mr. Cramer said it is a trend developing in the country that is focusing on the youth level to teach American Civics and what it means to be an American citizen.

Chad Young said he wanted to commend the leaders of this organization back to its foundation and exploration, and in particular ending up in this location and the work being done by the Chief and Officers by being visible in the community. Chad Young said he was meeting with the developer on a \$1.2 million dollar project to open a youth athletic complex in the old tennis club building. Chad Young reported the developer had chosen the location specifically because of the visibility of the Metro Police Authority and he commended everyone who has been involved in this organization. Chad Young also reported that there will be a Hill Road Corridor organizational meet and greet for

members of the Hill Road Corridor and asked if Chief Bade or Lt. Grahn could attend. Chad Young also said they were in the closing stages of the bond proposal for Mundy Township that would be funding the Hill Road Park Development by the Home Depot. Chad Young said the breakfast is scheduled for May 22, 2019 at 7:30 a.m. and that he would let the Chief know if it changes. Groundbreaking for the park is tentatively scheduled for June 17, 2019, at 3:00 p.m. Chad Young said he would be having a pre-construction meeting with the contractor mid-May and will update everyone after that. Chief Bade asked where the breakfast was being held. Chad Young said it would be at Redwood Lodge.

Lania Rocha asked if the Drug Take Back is scheduled for the 27th instead of the 30th as stated. Chief Bade and Lt. Grahn both acknowledged that the 27th was the correct date.

BOARD COMMENTS

David Krueger said he would not be at the next month's meeting because he will be in Wisconsin for a 50-year college class reunion.

Cory Bostwick said she had 2 things to discuss. Cory Bostwick thanked Chief Bade for putting the message on social media about people going through trash especially during tax season. Cory Bostwick added that she had conversations with some people who sell things online, and where they can meet safely. Cory Bostwick said she came across a simple sign posted at the Argentine police department and presented a picture of the sign. Cory Bostwick said she wondered if it was something the department would be interested in doing by posting the simple sign in parking spots to offer to the community. Vane King cautioned that the department would have to look at liabilities of no one being here 24 hours. Vane King added that if people think they're safe and come here and the police are all out on the road and something happens, there is a liability issue. Cory Bostwick added that she hoped it was something the department would look at and add to the website.

Rae Lynn Hicks said it was a good meeting.

Lt. Grahn wanted to add that Camp 911 is coming up on July 15th through July 18th, Monday through Thursday, and will only be 1 session from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Cory Bostwick asked if it was still at the Methodist Church. Lt. Grahn said it was. Lania Rocha asked how they can register. Lt. Grahn said they can register online, and we will also have forms available at the office, and on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at the Swartz Creek office.

Dennis Cramer thanked the officers for their service and added that they see the worst of the worst every day and as far as he was concerned they aren't paid enough.

Vane King said he had 3 things. One was the Problem Oriented Policing and thanked Adam Zettel for helping out with the explanation. Vane King said when we started out, a professional, progressive police department is what was wanted, and that starts with an educated, professional, progressive leadership, and added he thought it was wonderful that Chief Bade is getting to do that now. Vane King added that as we get into it, we will

find solutions that may be simpler, but will work out well with the community. Vane King said that getting the community involved, the outreach, and getting the kids involved is super. He said for the elected officials, those kids coming into the programs are future voters, and if they like what's being done with the police department they're going to appreciate it. Vane King also said he's been travelling with his grandchildren to various places that have soccer facilities, and having those facilities right across the street will keep the department busy. Vane King congratulated Chief Bade on the community policing, and progressive things being done.

Tonya Ketzler said she always thought 8 hotels was going to be a good thing and now finds out it's a terrible thing because they're right next to the expressway where people can get on and off, steal and do drugs, the whole thing. Tonya Ketzler said she was assuming that those are on the radar. Chief Bade said he has a lot of stars in the police department and is blessed to have a really good staff of police officers. Chief Bade reported meeting with an officer yesterday in regards to the business model. Chief Bade said the Officer said he had been thinking that he would like to contact all the managers of hotels to come in, and to bring FANG in, and to talk to them. Chief Bade said to that point, he already has somebody who is thinking about it, and it is on the radar and in the works.

Tonya Ketzler also asked if we could use the volunteers for any of the walk-in stuff, and just to be a presence of a uniform. Chief Bade said we would tap any resource available even if it's the volunteers to create a presence.

Tonya Ketzler also wanted to remind everyone of the Police Memorial on May 15th and was hoping someone could be sent from the department, and invited everyone. Tonya Ketzler said it is a lovely event at the Flint Memorial Park at 11:00 a.m.

David Krueger said the Cops in the Park Program in Swartz Creek has been very successful not only in getting the kids to have a better attitude toward police officers, but also taking responsibility of cleaning up the park. David Krueger thought this program would also be good for Mundy's new park to get the citizens to take ownership of their community starting from childhood.

Kay Doerr said she loves the Community Policing and Problem Oriented Policing and engagement with other agencies that are supporting each other, and which benefits the whole community. Kay Doerr said she also sees the benefit with the training that has been going on with mental health, disabilities, drug use, and the partners in the community working on that. Kay Doerr said she thinks it speaks highly of the department when she hears that the Metro Police Authority was represented at these meetings, and commends the Chief for being visible in the community. Chief Bade said it has been a good partnership and appreciates the input from all board members and that he does rely on any partnership that can be attended.

Tonya Ketzler made a motion to adjourn; Cory Bostwick supported the motion. MOTION CARRIED, unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.