



CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SHERIFF JOHN W. MINA

Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, May 11, 2023

Time Scheduled: 6:00 PM

Started: 6:03 PM

Ended: 7:02 PM

Location: Orange County Sheriff's Office
Central Operations Center
2500 West Colonial Drive
Orlando, FL 32804

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Manager John Farrell called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

2. ROLL CALL:

<u>Committee Members Present:</u>
<u>Committee Members Absent:</u>
<u>Others Present:</u>

Mr. Eric Kidwell, Mr. Warren Lewis, Mr. Michael Doby, Mr. Kevin Sutton

Pastor Roderick Zak, Ms. Ingrid Morfa, Mr. Jay Smith

Manager John Farrell, Lieutenant Michael McKenzie, Lieutenant Sean McCormack, Kimberly Boothe, Heather Dublonsky

3. OPENING:

Manager John Farrell opened the meeting at 6:03PM.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Mr. Eric Kidwell and seconded by Mr. Kevin Sutton for the approval of the January, March, and April's meeting minutes.

5. HOUSEKEEPING AND OLD BUSINESS:

Sheriff Mina has chosen Bishop Derrick McRae as the chair to the board. He has been approved and agreed to serve as the appointed chair of the CAC meetings. Mr. Farrell discussed the Annual Report from Professional Standards regarding external and internal complaint allegations over the years and actions taken to address these concerns. These reports are public record and can be found on OCSO's website. The public has access to view Professional Standard's statistical reports from the last five years. He clarified that the agency counts the total number of allegations against all of our employees not the number of people that complain. Mr. Farrell briefly summarized last month's meeting that was presented by Professional Standards Section's Captain Michael Segreaves who discussed a deputy involved shooting case. In the upcoming months we will have the annual use of force report finalized and available to be reviewed in a future CAC meeting.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comments related to the CAC meeting. We keep getting emails that are about death threats to people, racist comments, sexual comments, etc. These emails are being directly forwarded to our Intel Unit. They are actually working it.

7. NEW BUSINESS (DISCUSSION):

Lieutenant Michael McKenzie from the Training Section gave a presentation on the agency's Mobile Video Systems Unit. He began the presentation discussing the different types of body worn cameras used by the agency. Body worn cameras can be placed within hats, glasses, and shoulder mounts. There are 1,276 cameras that have been issued to our sworn personnel. About 54,427 videos are recorded within a month. It is predicted that by the end of 2023 all sworn employees ranked Lieutenant and below across all departments will be issued body worn cameras. It is estimated that the total body worn cameras issued would increase to about 1,645. The agency is committed to ensuring transparency in our interactions with the public. The agency is gradually distributing body worn cameras to court deputies. Lieutenant McKenzie further explained that there is a quarterly audit of employees assigned a body worn camera. Mr. Sutton inquired about the internal audit of BWC video review. Lieutenant McKenzie explained that reviewing BWC video from an incident is meant to determine if there is a violation of policy. He further explained Axon products and services. The Axon products that we use allows the agency to store digital evidence, use for criminal prosecution, internal investigation or in court prosecutions. The committee was given an opportunity to watch a video introducing Lytx's DriveCam program.


Mr. Doby inquired about the agency's process of tracking drivecam videos. The presentation transitioned to Lieutenant McKenzie allowing the board to view four drivecam videos. The footage captured in a drivecam video shows driving behaviors of our agency's personnel at the time of a collision. This allows managers a chance to coach and train our personnel to correct these driving behaviors. Mr. Sutton inquired about the amount of marked vehicles that are equipped with drivecams. Lieutenant McKenzie confirmed that there are currently 836 vehicles that are equipped with drivecams, and that number is expected to increase to 982 this year. The agency's goal is to have all marked vehicles installed with drivecams. OCSO Fleet Management installs the drivecams in our agency marked vehicles. Lieutenant McKenzie emphasized that we do not outsource the installation of drivecams in our agency's vehicle. Mr. Kidwell asked if drivecam videos are public record. Lieutenant McKenzie explained that BWC can be requested and a redacted version can be given. Mr. Farrell further explained that the Lytx system only keeps drivecam videos available for a certain period of time. Lieutenant McCormack stated that the agency would likely enforce a fee for each request.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Next Meeting

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 8, 2023.

Mr. Eric Kidwell requested a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Mr. Warren Lewis, seconded by Mr. Kevin Sutton, and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM.


Mr. Eric Kidwell
Chairman


OCSO Staff Member