



CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SHERIFF JOHN W. MINA

Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, July 13, 2023

Time Scheduled: 6:00 PM

Started: 6:01 PM

Ended: 6:50 PM

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

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Eric Kidwell called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

Mr. Eric Kidwell, Mr. Jay Smith, Bishop Derrick McRae, Pastor Roderick Zak, Mr. Warren Lewis

Mr. Michael Doby, Ms. Ingrid Morfa, Mr. Kevin Sutton

Manager John Farrell, Captain Terri Piwowarski, Lieutenant Sean McCormack, Kimberly Boothe, Heather Dublonsky

3. OPENING:

Mr. Eric Kidwell opened the meeting at 6:01 PM.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Mr. Jay Smith and seconded by Pastor Roderick Zak for the approval of the June's meeting minutes.

5. HOUSEKEEPING AND OLD BUSINESS:

None.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

We received two emails not related to the Citizen Advisory Committee. Mr. Farrell read into record both emails. One email was an invitation for the Police Compliance Regulation Webinar. The second email we received was a forwarded email from an Orlando Police Department Detective Valenti regarding an individual attempting to file an online police report for crime of a stolen cellular phone occurring at Disney Springs. OCSO Detectives were forwarded email to assist the victim.

7. NEW BUSINESS (DISCUSSION):

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Captain Piwowski discussed her participation with Central Square our new reporting system. In the last three months, about 1,800 sworn and civilian personnel have been put through a 10 hour course new mobile dispatch system and records management system. We will be applying Central Square technologies as our new vendor for our CAD system a process that has been in development for many years. This is a new system with a different format and layout were deputies would be responding to, taking a call, and writing a report in. We are expected to go live with this new system in August and we are working on reorganizing ours zones and sectors.

She further explained that in 2017 there was a major study to look at each sector and evaluated the calls for service and how we can equalize that and equate it. When we go live all of that will be taken into consideration. When we go live with that we will be going live with the new Uniform Crime Reporting System (UCR) and NIBRS which is the national incident reporting system that provides a more accurate way of capturing crime details on a specific incident.

Mr. Smith asked if we are running Central Square in conjunction with the previous system to not lose data. Captain Piwowski stated that we will not lose data because one will be either off or in read only mode when the new system comes in place. The two systems will not be running together. Mr. Smith expressed his concerns about how quickly the data would get completed in the event of a system glitch. Captain Piwowski reassured the committee that we are currently having meetings about similar topics. She clarified that we do not have the ability to run both the old and new systems concurrently.

Response to Resistance

Mr. Farrell began with a brief overview of the 2022 Responses to Resistance Analysis Report. Last year we had 160 responses to resistance which is use of force. We handled almost 1.25 million calls for service. We arrested 17,644 people, and of that total there was 160 use of force methods used with all those contacts. The 4 year average was about 177 making us below average. Last year there were 15 times someone had filed a complaint alleging an excessive use of force incident and none was founded.

The discussion moved on to comparing the data collected of the use of force against adults versus juveniles. We had 14 juveniles versus 146 adults that we used force against which is just 7.18% out of the total of use of forces. Mr. McRae inquired what defines use of force. Mr. Farrell explained that the use of force is when we utilize anything outside of physical touch where we actually cause harm such as firing a Taser, shooting a gun at a person, K-9 bite not K-9 Apprehension, etc. Mr. McRae inquired if all the reports we are reviewing tonight are those that were actually reported in or called in by the suspects. Mr. Farrell clarified with the committee that the data is from deputies that filed a use of force report knowing that they did utilize force. Also the data collected could have complaints where someone one is claiming use of force was utilized against them. He continued by elaborating the different methods of use of force.

We had 160 total use of force with 76 subjects (47%) having non-fatal injuries and 2 having fatal injuries. Pastor Zak inquired about seeing the break down of use of force type by race and gender. Mr. Farrell stated that he will provide that information at the next meeting. Mr. Farrell informed the committee that if they have any questions or concerns on certain topics they should contact us to provide more information at a future meeting.

Vehicle Pursuits

Mr. Farrell discussed the Vehicle Pursuits Report. He gave an overview of how many pursuits we were involved in the apprehensions. Last year we had 21 pursuits. Mr. McRae inquired about the difference

between merited pursuits. Mr. Farrell further explained that the severity of a crime merits a pursuit. Misdemeanor crimes dose not merit a vehicle pursuit. Violent felony crimes such as felony robbery, carjacking, kidnapping, homicide, etc. are merit for a pursuit, as well as the crime must be known at the time of pursuit.

Out of the 21 pursuits, 4 of them we used forcible stopping techniques. Three out of the 21 pursuits were terminated due to foreseen danger to citizens outweighing catching a fleeing subject. There was no noncompliance of those 21 pursuits compared to the previous year there was 4 out of 18 that were not in compliance. In 2022, there were 504 apprehension forms. 504 times a deputy attempted to stop someone and they refused to stop and the deputy did not pursue. We pursued 21 out of 504.

Mr. McRae inquired if demographics of the crimes that are committed in a pursuit case and the tenure of the responding Orange County deputy that conduct the vehicle pursuit. Mr. Farrell stated that he will be able to find that information and provide it in the next meeting.

The committee was reminded that the reports are also posted on the public facing PowerDMS access, and if any member has questions regarding the reports they should send us an email to have the answers to all question at the next meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Next Meeting

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 14, 2023.

Mr. Eric Kidwell requested a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Pastor Roderick Zak, seconded by Mr. Warren Lewis, and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.



Mr. Eric Kidwell
Chairman


OCSO Staff Member