



CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SHERIFF JOHN W. MINA

Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, September 14, 2023

Time Scheduled: 6:00 PM

Started: 6:02 PM

Ended: 6:44 PM

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

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. McRae called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

Mr. Eric Kidwell, Mr. Jay Smith, Bishop Derrick McRae, Zak, Mr. Michael Doby, Mr. Kevin Sutton

Mr. Warren Lewis, Ms. Ingrid Morfa, Pastor Roderick

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

3. OPENING:

Mr. McRae opened the meeting at 6:02 PM.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Mr. Eric Kidwell and seconded by Mr. Jay Smith for the approval of the July's meeting minutes.

5. HOUSEKEEPING AND OLD BUSINESS:

None.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Farrell read into record an email notifying us about a traffic situation and concerns for students' safety commuting to Horizon High School and it has been forwarded to Traffic, Sector III Command, and the SROs. The second email was a request to speak about uniform crime reporting statistics and patrol division. This email did not have a direct question nor did the individual attend the meeting in person. Mr. McRae reminded everyone of the procedures for public comments and encouraged anyone interested in asking questions to come in person to future CAC meeting to participate during the public comment section.

7. NEW BUSINESS (DISCUSSION):

Professional Standards Division Captain Michael Segreaves discussed a completed Deputy Involved Shooting case that occurred on April 30, 2022 at a McDonald's located on 4640 S. Orange Blossom Trl. There were three deputies involved in this case. One of the involved deputies was ranked a corporal. The defendant in this case was a woman that entered the McDonald's brandishing a firearm. A call went out reporting an armed robbery and possible active shooter. Once the deputies were on scene they formed a perimeter around the McDonalds.

The deputies on scene could see the woman inside the McDonald's. The three deputies that were involved in the shooting were on the side of the McDonald's where the drive through window was located. They made a perimeter and took out their rifles which are more accurate and have the capabilities to shoot through glass. In their positions they were taking cover behind their vehicles. The woman began firing her weapon. Some of the deputies testified that they determined that the first shots that rang out were not a threat to them, so they did not immediately return fire. The deputies used their public announcement system providing instructions to come out with her hands up in an attempt to coax the woman out of the McDonald's and surrender to authorities. She did not follow any of the instructions from the deputies to surrender her firearm. Once they saw that she was taking a better stance with a two handed grip and aiming her firearm and fired off two rounds at the deputies. The deputies returned fire. Numerous rounds were fired at this point with no one getting injured. The McDonald's was cleared out by that point in time.

The Corporal on scene made a tactical decision to selectively exchange fire due to the possible danger to the other deputies being just beyond the muzzle of his rifle. Once S.W.A.T. arrived on scene the deputies backed off the perimeter. The woman was given another opportunity to surrender as S.W.A.T. instructed her to place her firearm on the ground and come out of the property with her hands up. After continuous instructions were given to the woman without compliance the decision was made by the High Risk Incident Commander to introduce a chemical agent into the McDonald's. After the tear gas/ chemical agent was introduced causing an irritant effect. The woman left her firearm on the ground and evacuated the McDonald's surrendering to authorities. The incident ended with no casualties or injuries to those involved or innocent bystanders.

FDLE conducted a criminal investigation on this incident. After the completion of the FDLE investigation, the State Attorney's Office sends a letter to the Sheriff stating if the deputies involved committed a crime or were justified in the shooting. Then OCSO Professional Standards Division conducted an internal administrative investigation on this incident. Professional Standards determined that the deputies involved in this case did not violate any of the agency's policies and were exonerated on the administrative and criminal investigation. Mr. Jay Smith shared his perspective on this case. Mr. Sutton inquired about how many shots the defendant fired during the incident. Captain Segreaves referenced the FDLE report that tracked the shots fired. Mr. Doby inquired about the type of gun used by the defendant. Captain Segreaves presented a picture of the gun used by the defendant to the committee. Mr. McRae inquired about the trajectory of the shots fired by the defendant that made the deputies determine that she was not a threat in the beginning. Captain Segreaves stated that the deputies on scene had a good vantage point to see her movements and determined that wherever she was firing was not a threat to them. Mr. Sutton and Mr. McRae praised the tactical decision making skills of the deputies involved in this case.

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Captain Piwowarski provided an update on our new CAD, mobile, and RMS program that she has been involved in process of implementing Central Square. On August 22, 2023, the system went live and we are now online with our dispatchers, CAD, mobile for the deputies on the field, and our reports are through Central Square. There were adjustments as the software adapted upgrades. They were able to convert 20

years of data specifically everything that existed in Tiburon was transferred to the new system. The new system is continuously being adjusted as needed. We switched from Uniform Crime Reporting System (UCR) to NIBRS and FIBR. The national standard is NIBRS which is the National Incident Reporting System. FIBR is the Florida Incident Based Reporting System for our state. This switch provides a more accurate way of analyzing and capturing crime data on specific incidents.

Mr. McRae inquired the efforts used to inform local communities of the modifications that are be adapted within our departments as we take proactive approaches. Captain Piwowski referenced the news station broadcasting Captain Ashely Strange who talked about some changes to reporting districts as we have redrawn all our zones and districts. She further explained the breakdown of the new sectors. Mr. Sutton inquired about the benefits of switching to the national standard NIBRS. Captain Piwowski explained that NIBRS offers a more detailed depiction of statistical data that breaks down different categories of crimes committed.

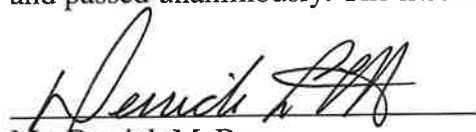
Mr. Kidwell and Mr. McRae made positive comments on seeing more law enforcement officers in their neighborhoods. Mr. Doby inquired more about the new sector borderlines and was given an opportunity to view the new map of the sectors. Mr. Derrick commented that the community would be interested in seeing more transparency and attempts to increase efficiency from OCSO. Mr. Sutton inquired about if the agency had any new programs other than Central Square. Mr. Farrell provided an update on body worn cameras. Lt. McCormack suggested a new topic for a future CAC meeting on the order transitioning to a different model of firearms for sworn personnel. Mr. Farrell also added that the Governor prohibits DJI drones from being used by law enforcement agencies in the state of Florida due to those drones being manufactured from China. The Aviation Unit has a few drones that were not affected by that Florida rule. Captain Piwowski mentioned that an Aviation representative might be able to give a presentation on the restrictions of drones in our next CAC meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Next Meeting

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 12, 2023.

Mr. McRae requested a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Mr. Kidwell, seconded by Mr. Doby, and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:44 PM.


Mr. Derrick McRae
Chairman


OCSO Staff Member