

Mountlake Terrace Community Policing Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

March 31, 2009

Chairperson Yvonne Jones called the Community Policing Advisory Board to order at 1832 hours.

In attendance were Yvonne Jones, Debra Phillips, Charlotte Arthur, Fred Nitschke, Rita Salazar, Scott Matsuda, Erin Kelly and Assistant Chief Pete Caw.

Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the January meeting were reviewed. Rita Salazar made the motion to accept the January minutes and Debra Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chief's Report

Assistant Chief Caw advised that during the month of March, officers have been busy and have seen an increase in vehicle prowls.

Detectives responded to the report of a sexual assault at the Studio Six Motel on 03/03/09. After following several leads, probable cause was developed and lead to the arrest of a 37-year old male. The male was also a suspect in several other sexual assault related incidents in neighboring jurisdictions.

Officers have investigated several instances of a home being burglarized by an individual. The homeowner installed surveillance equipment in the home and caught the suspect on video. The subject was arrested for burglary. The same subject was later released and committed an additional burglary at the same residence and was subsequently arrested again.

Mountlake Terrace Police Department has implemented a Community Service Jail Alternative program. Custody Officer Rysemus will be supervising and coordinating the community service projects.

Other calls of interest were discussed.

Assistant Chief Caw advised that Brian Moss was scheduled to complete his field training program and move to solo patrol at the end of March. Trent Chapel is currently completing the field training program. Delsin Thomas, was given a conditional offer of employment and should be sworn in on April 16, 2009. Officer Tim Krahn will be transferred into the detective division at the end of March.

OLD BUSINESS

Review/Discussion of By-Laws, Rules of Procedures

The Board reviewed the amended By-Laws, Rules of Procedures.

Scott Matsuda suggested that Article VI be modified to read Sub Committees and all mention of committee be changed to sub-committee. Debra Phillips made the motion to accept the By-laws as modified and Charlotte Arthur seconded. The motion carried.

Mission Statement

Two proposed mission statements were submitted to the Police Advisory Board members. After discussion, Debra Phillips made the motion to accept the following as the Mountlake Terrace Community Policing Advisory Board Mission Statement: “The Mountlake Terrace Community Policing Advisory Board focuses on promoting safety, forming a liaison between the community and the Police Department and assists in educating our community for a better understanding between police and citizens.” Rita Salazar seconded the motion and the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Block Watch

Debra Phillips brought forward several ideas on how to start and promote a block watch program for the City of Mountlake Terrace. She mentioned two online sites; neighborhood.com and usaonwatch.com. It was decided to start a sub-committee on Block Watch to research the ideas more fully. Charlotte Arthur made a motion to nominate Debra Phillips and Scott Matsuda to form a subcommittee. Rita Salazar seconded the motion and the motion carried.

National Night Out

Yvonne Jones agreed to contact Don Sarcletti regarding the use of Evergreen Playfields for the National Night Out event this year.

All members of the Board agreed to make business contacts and deliver letters and report back at the next meeting.

Scott Matsuda was tasked with modifying the letter and returning it by the beginning of next week.

Erin Kelly advised that she had registered the City of Mountlake Terrace with National Town Watch to be a part of the National Night Out Against Crime across the United

States. She also advised that she would like the City of Mountlake Terrace to apply for a national award for their National Night Out event.

Discussion was made soliciting ideas for participants, entertainment and vendors.

Yvonne Jones advised that she would coordinate the food for the event again.

The meeting was adjourned at 2027 hours.