

**POLICE CITIZEN'S ADVISORY BOARD  
JANUARY 6, 2014  
POLICE INSTITUTE**

**Present:** Chairperson Pat Kistler; Board Members: Ed Gassman, Dennis Soucek, Swaine Skeen, Mark Kirkpatrick, Erin Frisch, and Dick Hunsaker; Chief Luke Hecker, Councilor Hugh McKean, Special Guest Speaker Ron Arndt - Northern Colorado Regional Crime Lab (NCRCL) and Elizabeth Markham. **Absent Board Member:** Tony Adams & Bev Cardarelli

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Chairperson Pat Kistler. A motion was made and seconded by Dennis Soucek and Ed Gassman respectively to approve the minutes as is. All approved. Motion carried.

Chief Hecker introduced Ron Arndt, Director of the NRCL who was the speaker for the evening. Director Arndt gave a "virtual tour" of the new lab which is located east of Loveland at the intersection of Hwy 34 and Hwy 257. Director Arndt indicated that the building consisted of a biology room; chemistry room; latent fingerprint room; digital multi media room; vehicle bay as well as office cubicles for staff. The lab opened the fall of 2013 and has been very busy since opening. Turnaround time for lab results have substantially improved since the lab opened. One example, that was stated by Director Arndt, were the results of the recent homicide in Loveland. Director Arndt stated that all explosive cases are handled by Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Department located in Denver. Chief Hecker added that there are five agencies involved in the maintenance and operation of the lab. Those agencies are: City of Loveland, Larimer County Sheriff, Weld County Sheriff, City of Greeley and the City of Fort Collins. Chairperson Kistler expressed his thanks to Director Arndt for his presentation to the Board.

**CHIEF'S UPDATE**

- ❖ Gave update on the High Point Training Facility which is hoped to be located at the Ft Collins/Loveland Airport. Chief stated that the City is working with the Airport Manager on solidifying the site as the final site. An analytical group has been speaking with LPD trainers getting their input on how LPD trains their officers. This, hopefully, will give them the information they need in the design of the layout and buildings.
- ❖ Working with FAA to show that the training facility is an "allowable" use on the property by the airport. Hope to have information from the FAA by mid-year to present to Loveland and Fort Collins City Councils.
- ❖ Capt. Ray Miller will be retiring effective February 3<sup>rd</sup> after 34 years with LPD.
- ❖ Invited board members to LPD's awards ceremony on January 31<sup>st</sup>.
- ❖ LPD is in the process of selecting a captain to replace Capt. Miller. PCAB member Dennis Soucek will be sitting on the interview panel for this process. Once a captain is selected then there will be promotions for lieutenant and sergeant.

**COUNCILOR UPDATE**

- ◆ Councilor McKean gave a brief overview of what will be happening in downtown Loveland for 2014. Arcadia Hotel will be torn down; looking at closing off E. 3<sup>rd</sup> between Lincoln and Cleveland for additional offices; Larimer County looking at property on East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street plus a lot more as the year goes on.

### **BOARD UPDATE**

- ✓ Chairperson Kistler reported that the Boards and Commissions Summit will be held on February 27<sup>th</sup>. Chairperson Kistler and Board Member Erin Frisch will be attending this summit along with Chief Hecker.

There being no other business it was moved and seconded by Dennis Soucek and Mark Kirkpatrick respectively to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Elizabeth Markham

Approved as to form: *Pat Kistler*, Chairpeson