

POLICE CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD
MAY 2, 2011
LOVELAND POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICE INSTITUTE

Present: Chair Pat Kistler, Erin Frisch, Dennis Soucek, Dick Hunsaker, John Tindall; Teresa Ablao, Bev Cardarelli, Ed Gassman, Joe Hertwig, Swaine Skeen, Councilor Daryle Klassen, and Chief Hecker. Also present were citizens Lynn and George Kral.

Absent: Chris Smith.

CALL TO ORDER/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by PCAB Chair Pat Kistler at 5:46 pm. Ed Gassman moved and Dick Hunsaker seconded to accept the April minutes as written. Motion passed.

CHIEF'S UPDATE/REPORT:

Loveland Community Night Out: The Chief reported that LCNO will take place Wednesday, June 15, starting at 5:30 p.m. with a briefing in the south side of the Police Institute. PCAB members were invited to participate and Pat Kistler, Swaine Skeen, and Ed Garrett volunteered. Members were instructed to contact Elizabeth Markham if they wish to participate.

Fishing Derby: This year's derby is slated for June 4. This is a joint effort between the Police Department and the Loveland Fishing Club. This is a very popular event with the citizens of Loveland. The Fishing Derby is now a one-day event. This allows for open fishing on Sunday as the derby weekend is always held in conjunction with DOW's free fishing weekend.

Drug Take Back Day: The event was held Saturday, April 30 and was a huge success with 182 pounds of prescription medication collected. The weight did not include containers that the medications were packaged in. The event, coordinated with the DEA, provides a venue for people who want to dispose of unwanted and unused prescription drugs.

Law Day Breakfast: The Chief invited PCAB members to the Law Day Breakfast Tuesday morning at 7 a.m. in the Police Institute. This year's speaker is former U.S. Senator Hank Brown. The breakfast is hosted annually by the Police Chaplains with breakfast provided by men of the Methodist Church.

Staff Promotions: The Chief reported that there has been one Lieutenant and four Sergeant promotions since the end of July 2010. Lt. Manago retired at the end of 2010 and Sergeant Jan Bureson was promoted to Lieutenant. Three long-time Sergeants have announced or have retired since the end of July 2010 leaving a total of four Sergeant positions to fill. Officers Jim Mines, Jameson Gartner, Justin Chase, and Scott Highland were all promoted to Sergeant. This has been a very exciting time at the Police Department with the most advancement from the ranks in over five years. **The Chief thanked Dennis Soucek for participating in the Sergeant promotion process.** The Chief invited PCAB members to participate in future promotion processes.

COUNCILOR KLASSEN'S UPDATE/REPORT

Regional Crime Lab: Councilor Klassen reported that the City Manager is reviewing the Regional Crime Lab Intergovernmental Agreement and he is hopeful that the signed agreement will be delivered to the Weld County Commissioners next week.

A.C.E.: Councilor Klassen briefed PCAB members on the status of the ACE project. The next step is to select a site developer. Klassen cautioned everyone that the site will slowly become operational and fully staffed, which is different than reports of 7,000-10,000 jobs coming in possibly by the end of the year. Resumes are coming in from around the country through the Larimer County Workforce and are also being sent directly to the City of Loveland. There have also been numerous inquiries from corporations about moving their businesses to Loveland because of the A.C.E project.

OTHER BUSINESS/INFORMATION:

Ed Gassman stated that he was in attendance at a meeting with the U.S. Attorney General and state Attorney Generals where medical marijuana dispensaries were discussed. They believe that the dispensaries are a magnet for crime and money laundering, reversing their original stance on how they may enforce the issue with states that have medical marijuana laws. Colorado's Attorney General recently received notification stating that marijuana is still illegal and state and local governments are not immune to lawsuits. Loveland is in a very good position with a 61% approval on a vote last November to ban medical marijuana dispensaries.

Members were reminded of the next regular meeting to be held June 6. There will be NO meetings in July and August.

ADJOURNMENT

John Tindall moved and Dick Hunsaker seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m. Motion passed.

Minutes submitted by:
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