

Murray Public Safety Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 9, 2021

Held via Zoom: 6:00 to 6:50 pm

In attendance: Chairperson: Alli Garrison; Vice Chairperson: Andrea Washburn; Fire Division Chief Matt Boulden; Police Lt. Mike Obrey; Brian Lohrke; Scott Goodman; John Prestwich; Wayne Manu; and Deborah Crane.

Excused: Police Chief Craig Burnett, Fire Chief Jon Harris

Agenda Items:

- 1. Minutes from May 12, 2021 PSA Board Meeting approved.**
- 2. Murray Fire – Board Ride-alongs and training update – Division Chief Matt Boulden**
We will begin conducting board member ride-alongs on an individual basis with the following schedule:

June 17th – Alli Garrison

June 25th – Andrea Washburn

July 1st – Brian Lohrke

July 8th – Deb Crane

July 9th – Jon Prestwich

July 15th – Scott Goodman

Wayne Manu will consult his calendar and contact DC Boulden

The ride-along will be organized in a 4-hour block from 4:00 to 9:00 pm. Dinner is \$5.00, if participating and can be paid at time. The experience will begin with an introduction to crew and signing waiver, and HIPPA documentation which will be followed by SOG (Standard Operating Guidelines) training, with additional fire department operation protocols explained. The board member will have the opportunity to determine the vehicle they wish to ride with.

Please dress in professional attire with closed-toed footwear. Sunglasses are highly recommended. Parking is available on the south-side of the building

The address is 4848 South Box Elder.

Please contact DC Boulden if schedule conflict or with questions.

- 3. Murray Police – Board Training Update – Lt. Mike Obrey**
The first step for the board member police training will be the citizen's academy and that is in the final stages of planning. This will be held most likely on a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday evening (or possibly a Saturday from 8:00 to Noon) for approximately 4 weeks and will be in 4-hour time blocks. After the citizen's academy training the ride-alongs will be scheduled.
- 4. Current placement/future plans of social workers on staff at PD and FD – Andrea Washburn**
Andrea prefaced her discussion item with a question regarding- ***is there a need to have a licensed clinical social worker(s) employed with the police and fire department?*** Lt. Obrey indicated in the past the police and fire departments utilized MCOT (Mobile Crisis Outreach Team) out of University of Utah, social workers. Although this is a great resource there were issues related to the use of MCOT; limited number of available workers and slow response time to arrive at the call location, etc.

Murray Police Department has joined with Unified Police over the last year, working with licensed clinical social worker(s) hired to assist with the calls involving mental health issues. The SW can assess the need and offer additional professional support and follow-up assistance with individuals in need of mental health resources.

Lt. Obrey indicated that a significant percentage of calls involve mental health issues and this new procedure and program is very successful in the Unified Department and Murray is excited to be involved.

Both, **Lt. Obrey and DC Boulden** indicated that calls involving mental health issues that come to the police and fire departments have increased 8 to 10 times what they were in the past years. Although the police and fire personnel have some good training, they are looking to these professional to assist immediate and with long-term help.

Brian Lohrke, having worked professionally with the SW in the Unified Police Department, and was happy to hear that Murray Police and Fire were joining the agencies utilizing this team.

A follow-up question from Andrea regarding **training for officers to help with managing calls with mental health issues--**. Lt. Obrey indicated that they are constantly training on how to cope with the overwhelming needs of the mental health calls. There isn't a point when the officers don't need more training on this topic and it is an on-going process.

5. Recent developments, issues, or concerns – Alli Garrison

Alli asked DC Boulden if there is something that the board could do with the current critical situations of fire danger with the extremely dry weather conditions and the water restrictions that may be imposed during this crisis. DC Boulden indicated that he would prefer to convey this question to Fire Chief Harris. This will be tabled until his return.

6. Communication request for board members – Alli Garrison

Alli would like to confirm the best email address to use for communication and contact. She will be using Word documents as Google Docs has been a challenge for some members.

Additional Announcement:

Wednesday, July 14th, we will plan to begin our **in-person** meetings for the PSA Board, contingent on the approval from the Murray City department staff.

Meeting adjourned.