
NOTES OF THE 11/21/13 POLICE CHIEF'S ROUNDTABLE MEETING

Present: S. Delmartini; C. Dudley; T. Franciskovich; A. Iftiniuk; F. Kassak; M. McKellar; J. Mamo-Beckius; M. Parker; T. O'Leary; C. Pearce; P. Ready; Chief S. Gesell; Captain K. Storton; Neighborhood Outreach Manager C. Wallace

Absent: K. Humphrey, R. Cader and Captain C. Staley

Guests: Lt. Jeff Smith

Note Taker: Sue Sanders

Meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m. and was facilitated by Thom O'Leary

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

- Thom O'Leary opened meeting.
- Chief Gesell introduced three new members that have joined the Roundtable:
 - Steve Delmartini – Real Estate Broker/Realtor of SLO Realty and member of SLO Association of Realtors
 - Alan Iftiniuk – President & CEO of French Hospital Medical Center
 - Mimi McKellar – Owner of Central Coast Gymnastics

NEW BUSINESS

- Lt. Jeffrey Smith gave a presentation on "Use of Force". Discussed Supreme Court decisions and the criteria to determine reasonable use of force by an officer. Presented an example involving a recent alarm response situation. Officers are trained to enter with safety as a priority. Consideration of factors such as imminent threat to safety of officers and others. A few highlights of the presentation included:
 - Determine activity (resisting vs. Passive) and factors assessed for split second judgments.
 - Officers receive annual training in a full program along with four other trainings each year.
 - Involved officers document every Use of Force incident. All reports are reviewed by Lieutenants, Captains and the Chief for appropriateness and thoroughness of documentation.
 - Documentation states the facts and then makes conclusions. Past experiences are important indicators of future behavior.
 - Many factors impact the level of force used.
 - Gave demonstration of suspect searching using Thom O'Leary to illustrate decision-process and criteria.
 - Provided samples of Force Options Technologies/various weapons.
 - Report writing is done as quickly. Officers generally complete reports before the completion full shift.
 - When the media reports officer shootings of unarmed suspects – based on the above information discussed today, the decision to take action is not known and the action may be justified or may not.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **Directed Giving Campaign:** Chief discussed the Directed Giving Campaign. This idea was a direct result of the first meeting of the Roundtable meeting suggestion by Paul Ready. Lead by the Downtown Association with the United Way as the 501c3. There will be donation meters set up downtown for the public to make donations. We are also currently working with Cal Poly and Cuesta to have a meter on each campus.
- **Measure Y:** Chief Gesell reported that tonight there will be a Public Workshop for the SLO Local Revenue Measure at the Ludwig Center beginning at 5:00 p.m.
- **Neighborhood Officer Program:** Chief Gesell discussed the Neighborhood Officer program. Officers have been assigned to each of the 13 neighborhoods. The SLO PD website has the officers listed and pictured. Emergencies will continue to be addressed by calling "911". Neighborhood officers will be able to address on-going issues. The website will also have a migration of crime data which will be displayed on an area

map. SLO PD is the only police agency doing this. Megan's Law information is not part of this and will continue to be available on a separate website.

TOPIC FOR NEXT MEETING

- Thom O'Leary asked group for topics that they would like to discuss at next meeting:
 - The group would like to discuss Noise Violations as the next agenda topic. Fold together all noise violation-related issues such as number of citations, ordinances and codes, enforceability, etc.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m. in order to accommodate taking group and new member photos.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, February 27th, and will be facilitated by Thom O'Leary, Chairman. Meeting will begin at noon.