

C.A.B. MEETING MINUTES – September 15, 2021

Present:

Jim Stabler
Mayor Condrey
Chief David Birk
Sgt. Earl Nelson
Det Jason Wargo
Officer Holly Owens
Rick Pearce
Wanda Glover
Stefan Wannemacher
Ruth Kelly
Rev. Enorris Thomas
Jeff Wilder
Paul Gomia
Dora Bronston
Katrina Wilson
Vanessa Clark
Mike Sullivan (citizen)

Excused Absences:

Dr. Celeste-Davis (Excused)
Dan Allnutt

- Jim Stabler called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance at 1730 hours.
- The minutes from the July 21st meeting with proper corrections were approved.

CHIEF'S REPORT

- There have been several speeding complaints recently. There have been speed signs and trailers placed on Main St. & Central Ave. in an effort to deter this. We also have been talking to OSP & Scott Tadych to come up with further efforts to help resolve this issue. We will be assigning two full-time officers to traffic control. One will come from the retirement of Major Reeve (through reduction of a Deputy Chief) We anticipate the other one being funded from the Court in the near future. OSP and the BCSO will be aiding in enforcing the truck routes throughout the City.
- We recently completed our Ohio Collaborative On-Site. All went well and we are now 100% compliant.
- Upcoming testing for the position of Dispatcher will take place September 18th. We are at an all-time low for the number of officer applicants. Butler Tech presently only has 9 signed up for the next Police Academy. We are looking to recruit younger future officers that can start out in the jail or police desk until they turn 21.
- Our annual Candy with a Cop event will be on Halloween from 1-3PM.
- Major Reeve officially retired on September 10th. Sgt. Nelson is now the supervisor in the Detective's section.
- All of our K9s are now certified. Det. Jordan will be traveling to North Carolina next week to receive the award of Case of the Year for the shooting incident last year. "Houdini" Koda has won several awards for his work in K9.
- Kenzie Bronnenberg, daughter of Fireman Doug Bronnenburg, is working in the jail as a Part-Time Community Security Officer.

- We will be hosting a private ALICE Instructor Course for area law enforcement agencies and schools February 9-10, 2022, at the Berachah Church.
- We had three citizen complaints since the last CAB meeting. Two were determined to be unfounded and one was exonerated.
- We have recently applied for the 2021 BWC Grant. If awarded, this would allow us to purchase 90 body-worn cameras, pay the \$96,000 for one-year storage and hire full-time BWC Redaction Specialist, who has at least 10 years of law enforcement officer experience. Fairfield Police Department currently have the cameras.
- Sgt. Nelson reported that overall violent crime is down, but vehicle thefts and gun violence are up. He reminded all to keep cars locked and remove your valuables when not in use. We see this trending especially starting at Breiel Blvd. heading East (Marshall).
- Officer Owens gave the COP Unit Report. Officer Owens & Officer Birch continue to work with the homeless twice a week, and have contacted 126 people to date. There is upcoming Crisis Intervention Team training this November for the Unit. Det. French is already certified in this.
- If you are aware of anyone that would benefit with the upcoming Candy with a Cop or Shop with a Cop events, please let us know so we can get them on the list.
- The RTA is free until 2022 for everyone. The RTA shuttles people back and forth from Hamilton to Middletown.
- Mayor Condrey has been asked to be on the Law Enforcement Training Committee that Gov. DeWine has started. Feel free to send her any information that you would like to add.

FOP REPORT

- Det. Jason Wargo gave the update on contract negotiations that are starting the first week of October and will continue for the next few months. The last contract expired 7 months ago. Wage negotiations are at a standstill and will likely go to the arbitrator. The arbitrator ruled against the emergency pay issue, stating that the City was not declared “under a state of emergency”. Presently, there is a discrepancy between officers that are not vaccinated having to use their own personal sick time instead quarantine time if diagnosed with Covid.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

- NONE

BOARD COMMENTS

- Paul Gomia motioned to wait until the next CAB meeting to elect a new Vice-Chairman, seconded by Mayor Condrey.

The meeting adjourned at 1814 hours. The next board meeting will be **Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at 1730 hours.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Vanessa Clark