

POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
September 28, 2006  
5:30 to 7:30 pm; Boards and Commissions

- CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Lorry Clugg at 5:40 pm.
- MEMBERS PRESENT: Monica Sadar, Jenny LeRoy, Jessica Olson, Wendy Steinmetz, Melissa Hill, Lorry Clugg, Brad Wiersum, Corey Reuben, Phil Riley
- STAFF PRESENT: Chief Rikala, Captain Raquet, Jill Schmidt
- REVIEW OF MINUTES: The minutes of the April 27, 2006 were approved by consensus.
- REVIEW-RIDE ALONGS: Members of the committee gave a review of their ride alongs with Minnetonka Police Officers during the summer months. The ride alongs included traffic stops, DWI arrests, false alarms, tours of the police and sheriff's radio facility, roll call, dispatching, party call. All members were impressed with the officers' professionalism in dealing with citizens, no matter what type of call they responded to. PAC members found the ride alongs very informative and a good learning experience.
- RESIDENTIAL SPEEDING UPDATE: The last community survey conducted showed that residential speeding is a continual concern. Council has given direction that the police department and engineering staff encompass education, enforcement and engineering to address this issue.

The department has two primary traffic officers, although all officers have traffic enforcement as part of their responsibilities. The police and engineering departments will also set up traffic counters for neighborhood areas who have numerous speeding complaints. Eighty-five percent of neighborhood residents have to be in compliance with the speed limit. Time will be spent on dedicated traffic

enforcement by increasing visibility in residential areas utilizing overtime.

The department now has two speed trailers that are used to increase awareness, and Public Works will be installing small enhanced signs for pedestrian and trail crossings.

**LEADERSHIP ACADEMY:** Minnetonka Police is collaborating with Maple Grove and Plymouth Police departments to sponsor a Leadership Academy for patrol officers who are interested in developing leadership skills. The academy will be comprised of up to eight officers per department, or a total of 24 officers, and begins in January, 2007. It will cover topics such as navigating political landscape, supervision and liability, ethics/integrity, character management. A personality assessment will also be given. It is a six week course, for 2 ½ hours to 3 hours, one night a week. They will receive POST credits.

**DEPT. UPDATE:** The department is now utilizing Ticket Writer for traffic citations.

Chief Rikala updated the committee on IBIS handheld devices for retrieving fingerprints. These fingerprints are sent to Hennepin County. The system is not statewide yet.

The department has hired Heather Olson to replace Ed Bedore, bringing the department to full strength (56 sworn). She is a former Minnetonka Explorer.

The Hopkins School District has received a grant to continue the "Reduce the Use" education/chemical abuse program. Minnetonka School District has started a similar collaborative called "Tonka Cares".

Captain Raquet explained the department's recent active shooter training, which involves training for response to school shootings. Discussion ensued on Minnetonka's procedure for handling school shootings.

**NEW BUSINESS:** A CD composed of four segments of neighborhood associations was produced by Hennepin County. As

part of the CD, Wendy Steinmetz explained her involvement in the Sunrise Ridge neighborhood group. She gave the police department a copy.

Discussion on unlicensed solicitors in neighborhoods. Information about licensing solicitors has been published in the Minnetonka Memo and the City's website.

Liquor license and tobacco compliance checks were conducted. Out of 41 license holders, two failed. Out of 42 tobacco license holders, six failed to comply. The city council takes these compliance checks very seriously.

Meeting dates scheduled for 2007 are January 25, April 26, and September 27, with the summer meeting as a ride along.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.