

POLICE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

OPEN SESSION

December 9, 2013

PRESENT: Mayor Richard Meehan, Council President Lloyd Martin, Commission Chairperson Doug Cymek, Council Member Dennis Dare, Chief Ross Buzzuro, Director of Emergency Services Joe Theobald, Captain Kevin Kirstein, Captain Michael Colbert, Lt. Scott Harner; Budget Manager Jennie Knapp for David Recor, City Engineer Terry McGean

ABSENT: City Manager David Recor

1. Call to Order at 9:05 a.m.
2. The November 8, 2013 Minutes unanimously approved as written. Chief Buzzuro reviewed the November Crime Statistics. In November 2013, there was an 11.6% increase in officer-initiated Calls for Service from November 2012. Calls for Service by citizens were down by 12.4%. Chief Buzzuro reviewed the top 25 Calls for Service with most continuing in a downward trend.
3. An update on the proposed seat belt ordinance to amend Chapter 90 of the Town Code was given by Lt. Scott Harner regarding riding in unenclosed areas of vehicles. "Seat belt" as defined in the Maryland Code in Article §22-412, "is permanently attached to the body of the motor vehicle." This also means that it must be an across the body seat belt, not just a lap belt. The Ordinance is in close to final format, but needs a few minor edits before going before the City Council for consideration.
4. Chief Buzzuro reported on the CEW/Taser use in November 2013. There was one incident on November 1, 2013 where OC EMS requested assistance with a violent subject. The incident required a warning arc but no deployment and the individual became compliant and was able to be handcuffed. There were no injuries to any parties during this incident. The Police Department has doubled the number of CEW/Tasers in the last six months, which now total 56 CEW/Tasers in use.
5. New Business – Commission Chairperson Cymek passed on a request from Councilwoman Mary Knight for the Police Department to look into a drug called Molly. Captain Colbert and Lt. Harner said that the police department is familiar with this drug and that it is considered an illegal drug under the synthetic drug ordinance. Molly is an MDMA (a/k/a ecstasy) but in powder form, it is a Schedule 1 drug.
6. Council President Lloyd Martin requested Lt. Harner make contact with the owner of the three wheeled vehicle called a Trikke to schedule his attendance at an upcoming Police Commission meeting.

Meeting Adjourned 9:20 a.m.

The next meeting of the Police Commission will be held on Monday, January 13, 2014 at 9:00 AM at the Public Safety Building, 6501 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD 21842