

POLICE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
OPEN SESSION
January 13, 2014

PRESENT: Council President Lloyd Martin, Commission Chairperson Doug Cymek, Council Member Dennis Dare, City Manager David Recor, City Solicitor Guy Ayres, Chief Ross Buzzuro, Director of Emergency Services Joe Theobald, Captain Kevin Kirstein, Captain Michael Colbert, Lt. Scott Harner

ABSENT: Mayor Richard Meehan

1. Call to Order at 9:03 a.m.
2. The December 9, 2013 Minutes unanimously approved as written.
3. Chief Buzzuro reviewed the December Crime Statistics. Officer initiated Calls for Service for December 2013 had a 17.6% increase compared to December 2012; Citizen Calls for Service had an 11.7% decrease from December 2012. Total crime for the entire year of 2013 is 12.3% less than in year 2012 and we close the year with approximately 200 less Part I (serious) crimes.
4. C.E.W. (Taser) use for December 2013 included four events with one deployment. All four instances involved intoxicated persons. No serious injuries to either suspect or police officers during these incidents. The use of C.E.W. continues to prove to be an important tool to gain cooperation/control over suspects with little to no injury sustained.
5. Lt. Scott Harner informed the Police Commission that Mr. Bryant Hungerford who was to attend the meeting today has rescheduled his TRIKKE presentation for the March 10, 2014 meeting. Lt. Harner has conferred with the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration regarding the TRIKKE (motorized version) and it was determined that this vehicle would be defined as a motorized mini-bike under Maryland Transportation law thus prohibiting it from being operated on the boardwalk under local ordinance 90-193. Lt. Harner went on to explain that an EPAMD (commonly known as a Segway) is defined as a pedestrian under the Maryland Transportation Article and allowed to be operated on the boardwalk. A non-motorized TRIKKE would be allowed on the boardwalk under the current Town Code.

It was the consensus of the Police Commission to contact Mr. Hungerford to advise him of the Police Commission's opinion that the motorized version of the TRIKKE is not suitable for the boardwalk and invite him to the March 2014 meeting for further discussion if he desires.

The "Razor Crazy Cut" is another vehicle seen recently on the Boardwalk. This vehicle has a speed of up to 12 mph. This vehicle would also be defined as a motorized mini-bike under Maryland Transportation Article, which would preclude it from being operated on the boardwalk.

6. The Police Commission received a suggestion of installing "No Profanity" signs on the boardwalk as has been done in Virginia Beach. Chief Buzzuro was asked to contact the Virginia Beach Police Department to learn the impact of the signs since they have been installed on the Virginia Beach boardwalk.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

The next meeting of the Police Commission will be held on Monday, February 10, 2014 at 9:00 AM at the Public Safety Building, 6501 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD 21842