

Minutes from the 4/13/10 Citizen Advisory Board Meeting

Attendees: Frank Rodrique, Jen Schauble, Matt Frangiosa, Captain John Hellebush, Sgt. Chuck Zadroga, Allen Pomerantz, Erica Spott, Tom Halfpenny

Start Time: 1900 hours

Cathy McBride resigned her position from the CAB; Jen Schauble was appointed Secretary by Tom Halfpenny, motion was seconded by Allen Pomerantz. Unanimous vote.

Detective Paul Bradbury informed the CAB about the newly formed Special Assignment Unit (SAU). It is comprised of 3 officers (Bradbury, Wright, and Davis) who go after targeted areas by conducting plainclothes surveillance of hotels, drug buys, etc.

Examples of outstanding work include:

- Drug Complaint on A Street in Swedeland. Multiple hours of surveillance and trash pulls. Found evidence of drug sales. Warrant was obtained, suspect answered the door with a gun, no injuries sustained by any involved parties. Drug evidence and weapons were found. Suspect will have a minimum of a 5 year sentence.
- Bally's/Mall vehicle breakins. 2 officers saw the tag on a car whose driver and passenger were seen breaking into a car. Ran the tag, saw the car was stolen out of Philadelphia.
- Rite Aid (Mall): Employee was selling cocaine to other mall employees; was finally arrested at the Apple Store in Lower Merion.

Question was asked about expanding the unit by J. Schauble. Answer was given that the department's 3 most aggressive and effective officers were put on this unit to test out the concept, and it has been highly effective so far. There are no immediate plans to expand the unit full time, but people are pulled off patrol as needed.

Lost/Stolen Gun Reporting (E. Spott): There is an attempt at the state level to make it mandatory to report a lost or stolen gun to the local police department's. Bridgeport passed it as a resolution 9-0, Supervisor Spott will be bringing to the Board of Supervisor's Workshop on 4/15/10 along with the CAB's recommendation to do the same.

Sgt. Zadroga showed the CAB the "First In" Kits that are in almost all of the patrol cars now. The kits include: AED, Oxygen tank and mask, Sharps container, Surgical Scissors, Sterile water and goggles, Biohazard bags, InstaGlucose, Splint, Emergency Blanket, Occlusive dressing, etc. Modified kits are in the detective's cars.

Sgt. Zadroga and Captain Hellebush also discussed the UMPD Anonymous Tip Line which is relatively new. Three calls have been received to date; all were found to have inconsequential information.

Captain Hellebush discussed the \$180,000 Federal grant that will help protect the outside of the King of Prussia Mall. UMPD had a technical visit, which was basically a vulnerability assessment of the mall. It should take approximately 2 years to complete this project.

Quality of life issues in the township were brought up by Chairperson Rodrique, such as excessive noise from multiple motorcycles. Citizens can use the township website to email complaints/concerns. Sgt. Zadroga is the point of contact for quality of life issues.

The annual joint meeting with the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for Thursday, May 13, 2010 at 8 p.m.

End Time: 1950 hours.