

## Minutes from the 9/14/10 Citizen Advisory Board Meeting

Attendees: Frank Rodrique, Matt Frangiosa, Captain John Hellebush, Sgt. Chuck Zadroga, Allen Pomerantz, Erika Spott, Tom Halfpenny, H.D. Rassbach, Gina LaMarra, Lavera Seymour

Start Time: 1900 hours

Two new members were introduced to the board; Gina LaMarra and Lavera Seymour.

April 13, 2010 Minutes were approved by the board.

Sgt. Christopher Bird was introduced to the board. He proceeded to begin his presentation on the departments Accreditation Process. UM Township filed an application with PA Law Enforcement Accreditation (PLEAC) back in December of 2001. This application cost \$100. PLEAC adheres to 132 standards relating to: Organizational management, Law Enforcement Function, Pa Legal mandates, etc. many standards address high liability issues, such as, the use of force, vehicle pursuits, profiling, etc.

The initial accreditation given to UM was on 7/10/04. An assessment by PLEAC consists of sending independent assessors to the township applying for accreditation. Prior to the formal assessment, UM brought in independent assessors to simulate the PLEAC assessment.

There are currently, 70 accredited agencies in PA. Accreditation status is good for 3 years. The most recent assessment done at UM was 5/20/10. Once accredited, an annual statement showing that the department is following policy needs to be submitted to PLEAC.

UM is in the top 4% of number of officers in the state. Currently the UM totals 64 officers.

In regard to the 9/1/10 high speed car pursuit that UM Police were involved; Tom Halfpenny commented on the rules in regard to pursuits. The pursuit ended up in Norristown, however, began in UM. Captain Hellebush stated that the "vehicle pursuit" process is taken very seriously. Also, Sgt. Zadroga added that UM will only pursue into other areas if the crime is of a serious nature (i.e. suspect has gun in possession). Less serious traffic violators will not be pursued. All pursuits need to be filed with PSP.

Sgt. Zadroga discussed the Nationwide Prescription Take-Back Day and passed out an information document to each board member about the event. The "Take-Back" day will take place on September 25, 2010. Only solid medications will be accepted.

Erika Spott thanked Sgt. Zadroga for his roll in fingerprinting over 70 children at the farmers market in late June. She also added that the farmers market is a good place to advertise the prescription Take-Back day. Sgt. Zadroga agreed.

Frank Rodrique asked if there were any arrests made in the "air-rifle" incident from July. No arrests were made as per Captain Hellebush.

Tom Halfpenny commented on what a terrific job Sgt. Bird did with his presentation.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 9, 2010 at 7 p.m.

End Time: 1950 hours.