



CITIZEN'S POLICE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (CPOC)
Tuesday, January 20, 2015
Room 102, Village Hall

Minutes

Present: **CPOC:** Chair Bruno, Albert Berry, Robert Benoit, James Downing, T. Ford, Kevin Ochalla
Police Department: Deputy Chief Ambrose, Deputy Chief Limon
Village Staff Liaison: Kimberly Shamley, Human Resources Director

Chair Bruno called the meeting to order at 7:30pm

Public Comment – None

Chair Bruno requested a motion to approve the minutes from the December 16, 2014 meeting as drafted. The motion was proposed by Jim Downing and seconded by Robert Benoit. The minutes were approved unanimously as amended.

Chair Bruno asked the new Deputy Chief to introduce himself and give his background.

Deputy Chief Limon stated that he was focused on Field Services and wished to continue that great work in the department. He has over 35 years in police work and is pleased with what he has seen so far – but he notes that things can get a little better.

Deputy Chief Ambrose added that Deputy Chief Limon would be in charge of uniformed services (sworn officers), CSOs, and community policing.

Deputy Chief Ambrose also alerted the committee that Commander Michael Richardson had retired after 30 years of service – effective December 30, 2014. As a result of this, there is a Commander vacancy.

Deputy Chief Ambrose stated that there would be an opportunity for CPOC members to request In Service training beginning March 2 through April 30, 2015. Also, there is an upcoming training on Diversity – this training is given as a one week program on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays for 8 weeks.

At this time Deputy Chief Ambrose gave an update on Oak Park crime statistics and it was reported that, overall, crime is down 7%. When members asked what has gone right or wrong in relation to crime in the community, the Deputy Chiefs stated that citizens are more involved, there are more PSAs, and better community policing is in place. Members also inquired about weather being a factor in relation to crime statistics – Deputy Chiefs stated that weather may be a factor but can't say to what degree.

Membership inquired about domestic violence and whether it has been on the rise. Deputy Chief Limon stated that he would look into this and although there is a detective assigned there are no solid stats as of yet. The OPPD does provide referred to various programs in the OP area – Thrive and Sarah's Inn are a couple of them.

Over the holidays OPPD conducted “road blocks” consisting of random screenings for seat belt and possible DUI.

The Meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 7:55pm.

Upon returning from Executive Session, the CPOC meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.