

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2017
6:45 P.M.
SCHIEFFELIN HALL

I. CALL TO ORDER Chairman Dustin Escapule called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners to order on Tuesday, June 13, 2017.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Chairman Dustin Escapule led the members and the general public in a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL	Commissioner Anna Salcido	Present
	Commissioner Bill Barlow	Present
	Commissioner Brian Davis	Absent
	Commissioner James Newbauer	Present
	Chairman Dustin Escapule	Present
	Vice Chairman Robert Randall	Present

A QUORUM WAS DECLARED

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION: Approval of minutes from Tuesday, May 9, 2017.

MOTION by Commissioner Barlow, **SECOND** by Commissioner Newbauer, to approve the minutes from Tuesday, May 9, 2017

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: 4/1/0

MOTION: Carried

V. VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

The Marshal's Report – May 9, 2017, through June 13, 2017.

Vice Chairman Randall; for the last month we had nine agency assist, five alarms calls, six animal problems, two assaults, five citizen assist, two criminal damages, two dead body calls, four disorderly conduct calls, four domestic violence calls, fourteen drug arrest, three DUI arrest, one fire, three fraud calls; investigations, two public intoxication calls, twenty three medical calls that the guys rolled on. Two parking problems, one sex offense report, four suspended license arrest, four suspicious in nature calls, three theft

calls, two city code violations, seven traffic accidents, the guys made a hundred and sixty seven traffic stops; all of those were warnings and repair orders, except for fifty three which were citations, there were two trespassing calls and three unsecured premises.”

“The deputies were quite busy during this past month. Some of the activity that they investigated includes on five seventeen of seventeen at approximately 2203 hours in the afternoon an attempt to locate was generated by family members of Gary Smith who resides on Middlemarch Road, indicating he was distraught, intoxicated and had weapons with him. It was also mentioned that he was angry with everyone. TMO attempted to locate him, however had negative contact. At approximately 3:45 p.m. TMO received information that shots had been fired at the Border Patrol Checkpoint. Upon arrival, it was discovered that Mr. Smith had rammed his vehicle into the barricades and started firing upon the Border Patrol Agents. Border Patrol Agents returned fire, wounding Mr. Smith. During the investigation, it was further learned that Mr. Smith had initially left his residence looking for a “Cop” so he could have a shootout, thus Suicide by Cop. Follow up on this case two of my deputies went to Federal Court last Thursday, actually last Friday, and testified on behalf of the U.S. Government in order to keep Mr. Smith in custody. I have since received word from the U.S. District Attorney’s Office that they are very impressed with the Tombstone Marshal’s Office, very impressed with the investigation and very impressed with the deputies and how they handled themselves. I thought I would pass that along.”

“On the twenty first of May, a search warrant was executed at 205 Safford Street. During the course of the warrant, Deputies seized one pound of Marijuana, personal use Methamphetamine, Drug Paraphernalia and approximately 14 various laptop computers thought to be stolen and a large amount of miscellaneous jewelry also thought to be stolen. Two arrests were made and the investigation is ongoing.”

“On May 5, 2017 at approximately 1415 hrs. a traffic collision occurred at the intersection of Fremont Street and 6th Street. The suspect vehicle made a wide right turn from 6th street onto East Fremont Street, crossing the turn lane and into the West bound lanes into the path of a west bound vehicle. The suspect vehicle struck the west bound vehicle, careened off and traveled across the east bound lanes striking the rear of a parked semi-truck and ultimately reversed coming to rest in the driveway of the Tombstone Store on the north side of Fremont Street. The driver of the suspect vehicle and the passenger of the second vehicle were both injured and transported to the hospital. The driver of the suspect vehicle was intoxicated and follow-up investigation determined that she had been seen stumbling to her car at 5th Street and Toughnut Street where after getting into her car and driving away, struck a large boulder. Fortunately for us I had scheduled some in service training for all my deputies at the City Hall so my entire department broke away from training and responded to this accident which was needed at the time.”

“On June 1st, at approximately 8:20 in the evening, TMO received a report of a hit and run collision on Camino San Rafael. The suspect vehicle ran off the roadway and struck a vehicle and a recreation vehicle causing extensive damage. The driver was located and arrested for DUI and Hit and Run.”

“On June 6th, at approximately 8:30 in the evening, TMO responded to the Border Patrol Checkpoint at the request of Border Patrol. The driver of a vehicle was found to have a

suspended driver's license and an active warrant. While taking the subject into custody, a quantity of dangerous drugs (Cocaine) was located on his person as well as approximately \$2400 in cash. It was determined that the suspect was transporting drugs for sale and was charged appropriately. Forfeiture proceedings have begun on the money. Right now we are in the process of filing forfeiture on about thirty six hundred dollars in cash. So hopefully that will come to our funds down the road."

"Speaking of forfeitures; earlier this year we filed forfeiture reports on two vehicles that were the result of drug arrest. One was a two thousand four Lincoln Navigator and the second was a two thousand two Chevrolet Avalanche. We received notification that these vehicles now belong to us however; they will have to go to the Cochise County Auction and the proceeds of the auction will be deposited into the Tombstone Marshal's Office RICO account."

"Just some information! Traffic stops and citations have decreased significantly over the past year. This can be attributed to the fact that drivers are becoming more educated on the various traffic laws and individuals driving behavior has gotten better. The deputies vigorously enforce traffic violations, however, the vast majority of the stops result in educating the driver on the law by issuing a citation for the offense. This kind of goes along with the report that we made. A hundred and sixty seven traffic stops and only fifty three of those stops resulted in a citation. The other hundred and fourteen stops were either a verbal or written warning of some sort correcting the driving behavior."

"Recently, I created a "Tombstone Marshal's Department Survey" which will be distributed to the townspeople, so everyone has an opportunity to voice their opinions and concerns towards TMO. The four page questionnaire addresses operations, safety and security issues and agency overall performance. Hopefully, we will get a majority of returns which will give an insight as to how we are doing. Those should be delivered within the next five to ten days."

"Scheduled training includes; while actually Sierra Vista PD hosted a Domestic Violence /Sexual Assault conference on June 7 and 8th. This is free training which is Arizona POST approved, giving the Deputies 16 hours of required continuing education credits. Three of the deputies attended this training."

"Lastly, we are still at full strength with five active reserves and for the month of May our reserves logged one hundred thirty six hours contributing roughly two thousand three hundred and eighty dollars that would normally be paid to a deputy."

"That concludes my report!"

Chairman Escapule; "Thank you Marshal, any questions, comments?"

There being no further questions or comments from the Commission members. Chairman Escapule states; "backing up what he said about the survey all of us including myself periodically get complains about the Marshal's Department; this is your opportunity as citizens to express your concern, happiness or whatever it may be, toward the Marshal's Office and get it back into City Hall as soon as possible."

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Escapule entertains a motion for adjournment.

MOTION by Commissioner Barlow, **SECOND** by Commissioner Newbauer to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE: 4/1/0

MOTION: Carried

The Board of Police Regular meeting for Tuesday, June 13, 2017 thereby adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Dustin Escapule, Chairman

Brenda Ikirt, Interim City Clerk