

MINUTES - Community Advisory Committee

William Sam, Sr., Chairperson
Sandra Womack, Vice Chairperson
Meeting Date: April 17, 2014

Dwight Benoit
Tom LeTourneau
Alma Hodge
Ronald Bishop
Karl Duerr
Jon Reaud
Douglas Rathgeber

Dwaine Augustine
Gene Bush
Glen Johnson
Jesus Abrego
Irmalyn Thomas
Norris Batiste, III.

Call to order: A regular meeting of the Community Advisory Committee was held at **Beaumont Police Department Training Room**, 255 College Street, Beaumont, Texas on **April 17, 2014**. The meeting convened at **1:00 p.m.**

Members in attendance: **William Sam, Jon Reaud, Douglas Rathgeber, Gene Bush, Jesus Abrego, Karl Duerr, Dwaine Augustine, Tom LeTourneau and Glen Johnson.**

Members not in attendance: **Norris Batiste, Dwight Benoit, Ronald Bishop, Alma Hodge, Irmalyn Thomas and Sandra Womack.**

Police Department personnel in attendance: **Cindy Bloodsworth, Chief James Singletary, Assistant Chief Wayne Jeffcoat, Judi Rawls, Officer Carol Riley and Captain Jim Clay.**

Invocation: Douglas Rathgeber

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

March Minutes: **Approved**

Chief Singletary gave a biography on our guest speaker for today, Malcolm Bales.

Mr. Sam spoke about how he has talked with Chief Jeffcoat on the time it takes officers to get to calls and how dispatching can be improved. Mr. Sam also mentioned that this committee was developed for a purpose and that the committee needs to be able to take care of business.

US Attorney Malcolm Bales was introduced by Mr. Gene Bush. Mr. Bush listed Mr. Bales' accomplishments and how very honored he is that he is speaking to the committee today.

US Attorney Malcolm Bales spoke to the Committee about his office and how they serve the citizens in the Eastern District of Texas.

New Business

Mr. Sam asked if everyone had attended the Citizens Police Academy. He also wanted the committee to keep going on Ride-A-Longs.

Mr. Bush would like to see our new US Marshal to speak next month.

Cindy Bloodsworth spoke about the May 7th Police Memorial Service that will be at the Police Station. She said that May is National Police Memorial Month.

Mr. Sam wanted to thank Laurie Witterstaeter and Judi Rawls for coming to every meeting.

Chief Jeffcoat mentioned that tonight the current Citizens Police Academy will graduate. The next academy will be in August. The YALE Academy will be in June and it is for high school students that are interested in law enforcement or a military career. It is a two week program that is a smaller version of the Citizens Police Academy. Also during the summer, they have a program called PIP that will be for the college level students to earn credits for Lamar College. These are all programs around Cops N Kids, but target older students.

Mr. Duerr said he went to the Citizens Police Academy Alumni meeting and Detective Curl and Ener were the speakers. They spoke about solving crimes with cell phones and computers. Mr. Duerr said that he learned a lot from them.

Chief Jeffcoat mentioned our Forensic Computer Lab can recover large amounts of technology deleted off cell phones or computers. Detective Curl is assigned to a Task force for ICE and is involved in solving child enticement cases and pornography, especially overseas. SAU does have a portable cell phone downloading machine that if someone is pulled over, we do have the ability to search the phone and download the contents within minutes.

Mr. Bush wanted to commend the police department on teaching sensitivity training to officers on how to deal with the mentally ill.

Mr. Duerr wanted to say that he has spoken with members in Albuquerque and their Police department has many short comings when it comes to the quality of work they do.

Dr. LeTourneau wanted to mention that over the past four or five months the police department has had to deal with some horrendous crime. The officers have presented themselves well and have avoided negativity in the community. He wanted to praise the police department for how well everything has been handled. Chief Singletary mentioned that he was just at the Major Cities Chief seminar last week and we are not the only ones that have had a lot of crime happening lately, and even though crime is down nationally, all the cities that are the size of Beaumont are having the same issues.

Next Meeting: **Thursday, May 15, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.**
Location: Police Training Classroom

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at **2:23 p.m.**

Minutes Taken by: **Laurie Witterstaeter**
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