



CITIZEN POLICE ADVISORY REVIEW BOARD (CPARB)

Minutes

Tuesday, August 18, 2015
Ward 6 Office, West Conference Room
3202 E. First Street, Tucson, AZ

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting was called to order by Chair Felicia Chew 5:34 p.m. Those present and absent were:

Present:

Felicia Chew, Chair
Derrick Goodrich
Suzanne Elefante
Barbara Sattler, Vice Chair
Glen Parin
Cherry Jackson
Cynthia Schiesel
Da'Mond Holt, Ph.D. Ex-Officio (Non-Voting)

Representing:

Mayor
Ward 1
Ward 2
Ward 3
Ward 4
Ward 5
Ward 6
City Manager

Absent:

Assistant Chief Ramon Batista, Ex-Officio (Non-Voting) Chief of Police

Others Present:

Captain Chad Kasmar
Lieutenant Matt Ronstadt
Lieutenant Kevin Hall
Tristy Terwilliger
Michael Silva, Legal Advisor
Ana Juarez
Stephen Moore

Representing:

Tucson Police Department
Tucson Police Department
Tucson Police Department
Independent Police Auditor
City Attorney's Office
City Clerk's Office
Constituent

2. Approval of Minutes from July 29, 2015.

It was moved by Derrick Goodrich, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 7 to 0, to move this item to the September meeting.

3. Report from Chairperson

Report was given, no action taken.

4. Call to the Audience

Comments were made by constituent Stephen Moore and a handout was given, no action taken.

5. IPA Presentation: Presentation relating to the attendance of the IPA at the “Strengthening Police-Community Relationship’s Conference”

Discussion was held, action was taken.

It was moved by Glen Parin, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 7 to 0 to have a presentation for education from the Civil Service Commission.

It was moved by Derrick Goodrich, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 7 to 0 to have a presentation from Tucson Police Department in regards to Officer Interventions in cases with excessive force.

6. Office of Independent Police Auditor

- A. Monthly Contacts: Report on TPD-related contacts by members of the public with the office of the Independent Police Auditor during the previous month.

Report was given by Tristy Terwilliger, Independent Police Auditor. Discussion was held, no action was taken.

7. Tucson Police Department:

- A. TPD Updates regarding events or developments relating to TPD during the prior month.

Report was given by Captain Chad Kasmar, Tucson Police Department. Discussion was held, no action taken. Attended a 3 week seminar that was hosted by Senior Management Institute for Police and which was taught by professors regarding non-law enforcement topics as well as public trust.

- B. Office of Internal Affairs/Updates regarding events or development relating to the Office of Internal Affairs during the prior month.

Report was given by Lieutenant Matt Ronstadt, Tucson Police Department. Discussion was held, no action taken.

8. Discussion and Possible Action on Body Worn Cameras

Report was given by Derrick Goodrich regarding a letter to Mayor and Council drafted by Suzanne Elefante and Derrick Goodrich on August 15, 2015, in support of body worn cameras. Handout was received.

It was moved by Derrick Goodrich, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 7 to 0, to send the letter to Mayor and Council with the grammatical changes provided by Barbara Sattler.

9. Pro-Active Outreach Possibilities (POP) Sub-Committee

Report was given by Derrick Goodrich. Discussion was held, action was taken.

It was moved by Suzanne Elefante, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 7 to 0, to have the POP Subcommittee make a “topics” handout for CPARB Members to distribute information about CPARB, and have the CPARB POP Subcommittee share at a future CPARB meeting upcoming Neighborhood Association meetings and other opportunities to listen to concerns of the community.

10. Non-Voting Advisory Member Search Sub-Committee

This item was continued to the September 2015 meeting.

Note: Break at 6:54, Return 6:59

11. Random Review of TPD Investigations:

1. Case #15-0174

Questions/ Comments were made by Board Members Suzanne Elefante and Derrick Goodrich regarding informing citizens of a special operation that is funded by a grant to run license plates when a citizen asks why they’ve been pulled over and informing citizens may help to prevent them from feeling targeted.

Lieutenant Matt Ronstadt advised the board that there is no requirement that officers explain why a citizen is being pulled over, grant funded projects are generally provided with an explanation when there is a community educational effort involved. He also stated that in this particular case, an explanation probably would not have helped the situation and due to the interview of the complainant being held before speaking to the officer, the information of what the officer was doing was not able to be disclosed.

It was moved by Barbara Sattler, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 7 to 0, to find Case# 15-0174, to be a fair and thorough investigation.

2. Case #14-0802

Questions/Comments were made by Board Members Suzanne Elefante, Glen Parin, and Derrick Goodrich regarding the complainant being upset that her son was arrested when the police were called, inquired if the victim was interviewed, if there is proper protocol for isolating witnesses if one is said to have dementia and someone else retains a power of attorney over them, the complainant was upset when her son was arrested due to calling the police, conflicting testimony of the victim being interviewed, would proper protocol be to

isolate the victim for an interview if the officers had been informed that the victim had dementia.

Lieutenant Matt Ronstadt answered that with domestic violence calls it is not unusual for there to be an expectation of the officer to diffuse the situation, but it is one of the calls that are responded to by officers where the officers do not have the capability to use their discretion due to the law being very specific and protocol is to separate all parties to interview everyone to discover probable cause and match up stories.

It was moved by Cynthia Schiesel, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 7 to 0, to find Case# 14-0802, to be a fair and thorough investigation.

3. Case #15-0201

Questions/Comments were made by Board Members Derrick Goodrich, Glen Parin, Felicia Chew, and Cynthia Schiesel stating the family thought suspicion was involved as a homicide investigation but forensics that were provided showed a self-inflicted gun wound, information was not provided by the family due to the complaint being withdrawn, inquired if the case could be reopened, if interpreters were available when English is not the primary language of a citizen, the wife refused to give a statement based off of reading lips alone because no one was available to assist, if the narrative states submitted by anonymous user but the name is provided.

Lieutenant Matt Ronstadt advised this type of complaint is common with suicide cases due to families having a hard time coping with the situation and thinking foul play must have been involved, once the family was provided with additional information the complaint was withdrawn, complainant can approach Office of Internal Affairs (OIA) and the office would determine if there is any new information. With the homicide team, material can be presented and it would be the homicide investigators determination through questioning if the case needs to be reopened. Lt. Ronstadt explained there are some manual communicators in the department, initially we look to see if anyone on duty can perform interpretive services, but the City has a contract to multiple language interpreters, if necessary. However the department is at the whim of whoever may or may not be available at the time. For the narrative, the interviewee decided after requesting to be anonymous to give her name

It was moved by Derrick Goodrich, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 7 to 0, to find Case# 15-0201, to be a fair and thorough investigation.

12. Future Agenda Items

- Civil Service Commission
- Update on City Police Chief Appointment Advisory Committee Process
- Empowering Young Officers to come forward on ethical concerns
- How Internal Affairs Investigations are handled

It was moved by Cynthia Schiesel, to schedule an item to share ideas of how CPARB could work in other areas, other cities, states and countries. Ms. Schiesel withdrew the motion. Ms. Terwilliger stated she would be able to address questions from the Institute for Security and Democracy in Mexico (Insyde).

13. Adjournment 7:30 p.m