

VILLA PARK LAW ENFORCEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting - May 2, 2016

The regular meeting of the Villa Park Law Enforcement Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairman Vince Rossini at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers of Villa Park City Hall. Roll was called and introductions made. Present were: Councilman Robert Collacott, Mayor Greg Mills, Mike Felix, Richard Murg, Jay Wasserman, Erik Reynolds, Tom Dodge and John Whitman. Lt. Rob Gunzel and City Manager Jarad Hildenbrand were unable to attend. Representatives of California Consulting, LLC were introduced.

There was no public comment.

Discussion was conducted with the representatives from California Consulting, LLC, a grant writing firm for the State of California, concerning possible grant opportunities available to the City of Villa Park for enhancement of safety, security and law enforcement. Municipal grants are available from \$1,000 to \$10,000 for priority projects identified by the City. CA Consulting assists clients in identifying projects and writing the grants, having successfully secured over 660 grant applications. No action was taken.

In the absence of Lt. Gunzel, the monthly crime stats, including citations and traffic collisions, were not presented. Incidents are available for review on the Sheriff's Blotter online at www.ocsd.org/blotter. Lt. Gunzel will present the April figures at the May meeting of the Villa Park City Council.

Tom Dodge presented an update on the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program and efforts to revitalize its readiness. Wayne Silzel presented an update on the Neighborhood Watch program, which included an article from the Villa Voice newsletter of the Villa Park Women's League encouraging participation in the network.

Jay Wasserman gave an update on the Professional Services Responder (PSR) program. The supplemental law enforcement vehicle has been purchased by the City and is being repainted. It is expected to be in service by June 1.

Ongoing crime prevention and traffic safety recommendations were discussed. Villa Park, along with Yorba Linda, is the only Orange County city to have experienced a drop in crime rate since the implementation of "low risk prisoner" release from California jails and prisons. All other cities have seen rising rates of burglary, property crimes, theft, assault, etc. The effectiveness of the Neighborhood Watch network and the expanded awareness generated by the LEAC volunteers have significantly contributed to this success.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM. The next meeting of LEAC will be June 6, 2016, 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers of Villa Park City Hall.