

VILLA PARK LAW ENFORCEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting – September 19, 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: Mayor Greg Mills, Councilman Robert Collacott, Richard Murg, Jay Wasserman, Tom Dodge, Wayne Silzel, Erik Reynolds, John Whitman and Chair Vince Rossini. Staff Present: City Manager Jarad Hildenbrand, Lt. Jeff Puckett and SRO Brian Benzie. Absent was Mike Felix.

There was no public comment.

The minutes from the August 1, 2016 were approved.

Lt. Jeff Puckett was welcomed as the new Chief of Police Services for Villa Park. Lt. Puckett subsequently reported on August's crime stats. In August there was one residential burglary in the 18000 block of Villa Drive. Suspect smashed a bedroom window to gain entry and loss is being determined. There were 6 acts of vandalism in the month.

- 18000 block of El Moro Way, suspect threw eggs at two parked vehicles
- 9000 block of Brewer Way, suspect smashed passenger side window of vehicles
- 18000 block of Mendocino Drive, a residence window was broke
- 18000 block of Canyon Circle, suspect shattered the rear passenger window of a vehicle
- 10000 block of Center Drive, driver's side window of a vehicle smashed
- 18000 block of Valley Drive, rear passenger window of a vehicle was smashed

The committee elected not to appoint 2-3 representatives to attend local PFSO meetings.

Chair Rossini excused himself from the meeting.

The City is working on scheduling a CERT refresher course and CPR training class.

Wayne Silzel provided an update on the Neighborhood Watch (NW) program. A NW participant reported a recent incident (south of VP in Orange) of what is becoming a preferred method of "casing homes" for daytime burglaries, i.e. a seemingly legitimate salesperson or solicitor rings the doorbell, offering a standard "pitch" if resident answers the door. If no answer, that person calls the accomplice/team a few blocks away to advise that the home appears empty. A quick break-in is made, burglars are in and out in a few minutes, grabbing what valuables can be quickly found. To help avoid this activity, residents are encouraged to sign up with the City for the "Do Not Solicit" list.

Mike Felix arrived.

The Professional Service Responder (PSR) program currently has three volunteers. Since operational on June 7, the reserve car, due to internal policies, has been utilized once and the PSR car has been out 5 times. The program has started out slower than everyone hoped, and the Committee discussed ways to encourage participation. Lt. Puckett to report on reserve policies at the next meeting.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m. The next meeting of LEAC will be October 3, 2016, 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers of Villa Park City Hall.