

**RILEY COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY
LAW BOARD MEETING
City Commission Meeting Room
1101 Poyntz Avenue
Manhattan, KS
November 20, 2017 12:00 p.m.
Minutes**

Members Present: Craig Beardsley Mike Dodson
Usha Reddi Marvin Rodriguez
BeEtta Stoney Barry Wilkerson

Absent: Ben Wilson

Staff Present: Director Schoen Assistant Director Doehling
Captain Fink Captain Hegarty
Captain Hooper Captain Kyle
Captain Moldrup

- I. **Establish Quorum:** By Chairman Beardsley at 12:00 p.m.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Director Schoen led the Law Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. **Consent Agenda:**
 - A. Approve October 16, 2017 Law Board Meeting Minutes
 - B. Approve 2017 Expenditures/Credits
 - C. Juvenile Transport Reimbursement
 - D. County Inmate Medical, Facilities, Maintenance & Repairs Expenditures- (*Review*)
 - E. Riley County Jail Average Daily Inmate Population- (*Review*)
 - F. 3rd Quarter Reports: Synopses- (*Review*)
 - a) 82.1.4 Crime Statistics
 - b) 61.1.1 Traffic Accident & Enforcement Analysis
 - c) 84.1.8 Seizure & Forfeiture Report
 - G. Monthly Crime Report- (*Review*)

Beardsley called for public comment and received none.

Schoen explained that the Department's finance accountant was out of the office last month for a medical procedure and the September Monthly Budget Status Report was not completed in time to be included in the October packet. Therefore, included in the November Law Board packet were reports for the months of September and October.

Reddi referred to the 3rd Quarter Crime Statistics report which notes an increase in reported rapes with twenty-seven reports in 2016 and forty-one reports in 2017. She sought additional information regarding the potential reason(s) for the increase.

Hegarty explained that of the rape cases reported for the 3rd quarter, three of the eleven involved juveniles. The vast majority of reported cases are acquaintance rapes perpetrated by a person who is

known to the victim and several involve the presence of alcohol with one or both of the parties. In an effort to encourage reporting of sexual assault, the Riley County Police Department (RCPD) may participate in the You Have Options Program, which originated in Ashland, Oregon. The program offers options for reporting a sexual assault to law enforcement including an information only report, a partial investigation and a complete investigation. The primary objectives of the program are to increase the number of survivors who report to law enforcement, and thoroughly investigate identified offenders for serial perpetration. Hegarty said that the factors that go into acquaintance rapes (many dealing with Kansas State University students) are community-wide issues for which RCPD has a stake in, but cannot solve alone.

Reddi wished to know where survivors are being transported for sexual assault examinations. It is her understanding that Via Christi does not have a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner-Sexual Assault Response Team (SANE-SART).

Hegarty responded that Via Christi does not have SANE-certified nurses; though, they are in the process of completing the training. Via Christi does have specially trained personnel who can conduct examinations almost to the level of a SANE-certified nurse. They simply do not have the certified personnel that ideally law enforcement and prosecutors would want. He stated that the officer's first stop when transporting survivors for examination is Geary County. On the rare occasion that a nurse is not available at Geary County, the survivor is transported to Topeka for examination by a SANE-certified nurse.

Dodson was unclear as to the need for a SANE-certified nurse when one is not required for the collection/preservation of evidence and prosecution.

Wilkerson explained that a nurse can collect DNA evidence to be used to arrest and prosecute the attacker. However, a SANE-certified nurse receives enhanced training, can take photographs and provide psychological counseling, whereas a non-certified nurse cannot. Further, a SANE-certified nurse presents evidence in court and acts as an expert witness in sexual assault cases. Though unfortunate, many things in the legal system come down to a battle of the experts.

Wilkerson added that he is pleased with the progress that Via Christi has made. It is a major commitment on the part of the nurse to go through the certification process.

Dodson moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Rodriguez seconded the motion. Beardsley polled the Board and the motion passed with Dodson, Reddi, Stoney, Rodriguez, Wilkerson and Beardsley voting in favor, and no one voting against. The motion passed 6-0.

IV. General Agenda:

H. Additions or Deletions: None.

I. Public Comment: None.

J. Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #17 Comments: None.

K. Board Member Comments: Dodson extended his appreciation to the police officers and staff who provided support during the 2017 Veterans Day Parade. It was the largest Veterans Day Parade to date and it was very well controlled.

Reddi echoed Dodson's comments and thanked those who attended the Conversation on Race Reconciliation: A Community-Based Dialogue on October 30, 2017 at St. Thomas More Catholic Church. She felt it was beneficial for the community to see police officers at the meeting and for them to be a part of the conversation.

At the request of Chairman Beardsley, Director Schoen reminded the public of the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) fundraising event "Hair for the Holidays." Sworn and non-sworn personnel will be allowed to forgo shaving for the month of November in exchange for a \$100.00 donation to the Cops 'N Kids program. The Cops 'N Kids program supports lower income families in Manhattan and Riley County. Each December employees of the police department take underprivileged children, who would not otherwise be able to afford holiday presents, shopping. Community members interested in making a donation to the worthy cause may contact the Riley County Police Department and ask for Detective Brian Johnson.

L. IACP Forty Under Forty Award Presented to Lieutenant Erin Freidline: Director Schoen presented Lieutenant Erin Freidline with the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Forty Under Forty Award. The annual IACP Forty Under Forty Award recognizes forty law enforcement professionals under the age of forty from around the world who demonstrate leadership and exemplify commitment to their profession. The dedicated law enforcement professionals selected for this award are current and up-and-coming leaders who have had an impact on the communities they serve.

M. RCPD Audit Bids: Director Schoen recalled a request made by the Law Board a couple years ago to request bids from audit firms to conduct the annual RCPD financial accounts audit. This year, RCPD sent Request for Proposal letters to four local accounting firms. The Department received bids from two firms: James Gordon & Associates, CPA, PA, and Reese & Novelly, PA. James Gordon & Associates provided the low bid for all three years. Absent objection from the Board, the Department will accept the bid from James Gordon & Associates, CPA, PA to conduct the 2017, 2018 and 2019 RCPD audits.

The Board had no objections to the Department contracting with James Gordon & Associates, CPA, PA to conduct the next three annual audits.

N. Ka-Comm. Inc. Maintenance Agreement: Captain Hooper explained that the Ka-Comm. Inc. Maintenance Agreement is renewed annually to maintain the Department's police radios and related equipment. There is no increase in the proposed 2018 maintenance agreement over the 2017 agreement. He recommended the Board approve the agreement.

Dodson moved to approve the Ka-Comm. Inc. maintenance agreement. Wilkerson seconded the motion. Beardsley polled the Board and the motion passed with Dodson, Reddi, Stoney, Rodriguez, Wilkerson and Beardsley voting in favor, and no one voting against. The motion passed 6-0.

O. Substation Lease Agreement Renewal: In 2016 the Department sent a letter to the Board of County Commissioners concerning the continued need for the RCPD Aggieville substation. Director Schoen informed the Law Board that the Aggieville substation remains an integral part of the Department's day-to-day operations as it provides necessary work space for military liaisons and officers assigned to foot patrol in and around the Aggieville area. Riley County Counselor Clancy

Holeman contacted GJL Real Estate Limited Partnership (lessor) and renewed the contract with Riley County (lessee) on behalf of RCPD.

P. Executive Session: At 12:32 p.m. Wilkerson moved to recess into Executive Session until 12:47 p.m. for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel matters. Dodson seconded the motion. Beardsley polled the Board and the motion passed with Dodson, Reddi, Stoney, Rodriguez, Wilkerson and Beardsley voting in favor, and no one voting against. The motion passed 6-0.

At 12:47 p.m. the open meeting reconvened.

Q. Affirmation or Revocation of Discipline: None.

R. Adjournment: The November 20, 2017 Law Board Meeting adjourned at 12:48 p.m.