

**RILEY COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY  
LAW BOARD MEETING  
City Commission Meeting Room  
1101 Poyntz Avenue  
Manhattan, KS  
March 18, 2019 12:00 p.m.  
Minutes**

**Members Present:** Craig Beardsley Mike Dodson  
Linda Morse BeEtta Stoney  
Robert Ward Barry Wilkerson

**Absent:** Marvin Rodriguez

**Staff Present:** Director Dennis Butler Assistant Director Kurt Moldrup  
Captain Rich Fink Captain Erin Freidline  
Captain Tim Hegarty Captain Josh Kyle  
Captain Derek Woods

- I. Establish Quorum:** By Chairman Dodson at 12:00 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance:** Director Butler led the Riley County Law Enforcement Agency (Law Board) in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. Consent Agenda:**
- A. Approve February 19, 2019 Law Board Meeting Minutes
  - B. Approve 2018 & 2019 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. 1.3.13 Use of Force Annual report- (*Review*)

Director Butler informed the board that the department is in the midst of a transition from one crime analyst to another. He assured the board that the crime report for the months of February and March would be included in the packet for the April Law Board Meeting.

Butler provided an overview of Part 1 crimes for February 2019 compared to February 2018. He reported that Riley County saw a 6.6% decrease (-6 cases) in the analyzed Part 1 UCR crimes in February of 2019 compared to February of 2018. Part 1 violent crimes decreased 42.1% (-8 crimes) from February of 2018 to February 2019. Part 1 property crime increased 2.8% (+2 crimes) compared to the same month last year.

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

#### **IV. General Agenda:**

**G. Additions or Deletions:** None.

**H. Public Comment:** Paul Foltz, Ogden Resident, welcomed Director Butler and his wife to Manhattan, Kansas. Foltz presented Director Butler with a bouquet of flowers to be given to his wife, Kerri.

**I. Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #17 Comments:** None.

**J. Board Member Comments:** Morse thanked everyone involved with the planning and coordination of Fake Patty's Day.

Beardsley extended his deep appreciation to the retired men and women of the RCPD who volunteered to serve food at the command post in City Park during Fake Patty's Day.

Beardsley commended staff on the thorough presentation provided to the board at the February meeting regarding the 2019 police vehicle purchases. He was pleased with the amount of information provided to the board which allowed them to make an informed and timely decision.

Dodson commented on the extraordinary teamwork between the various law enforcement agencies and businesses during Fake Patty's Day. Despite the cold, he believed everyone enjoyed the controlled atmosphere and had a good time.

**K. National Public Safety Telecommunications Week Proclamation:** Chairman Dodson read the National Public Safety Telecommunications Week Proclamation proclaiming that all citizens of Manhattan and Riley County observe the week of April 14<sup>th</sup> through April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 as National Telecommunications Week, in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep the city, county and citizens safe. Communication Center Manager Tyler Siefkes, Dispatch Shift Supervisor Kimberly Boyda, and Dispatchers Lleran Johnson and Ceaven Evans accepted the proclamation on behalf of the department.

**L. Award Presentation:** The Riley County Police Department (RCPD) annually presents one non-supervisory sworn employee, one non-sworn employee, one corrections officer, and one supervisor with an "of the year" award. The designation recognizes those who have exhibited an attitude of professionalism coupled with a high degree of performance in their assigned tasks during the course of the past year.

Director Butler and Assistant Director Moldrup presented the following employees with the appropriate RCPD "of the year" award.

- Corrections Officer of the Year Award Presented to Corrections Officer Daniel Zoeller
- Supervisor of the Year Award Presented to Sergeant Patrick Tiede
- Employee of the Year Award Presented to Secretary Rusti Klym
- Officer of the Year Award Presented to Officer Brek Jager

The values the department considers important determine the way its members view their role and the people they serve. These “core values” serve as a link between what every member does, and the community’s participation in and understanding of the department’s mission. The Riley County Police Department’s values are reflected in the way its members serve and interact with the community.

Director Butler and Assistant Director Moldrup publically recognized the following employees who displayed excellence in a specific departmental core value during 2018.

- Teamwork/Cooperation Award Presented to Corporal Spencer Parsons
- Initiative Award Presented to Police Officer Daniel Todd
- Empathy Award Presented to Sergeant Patrick Tiede
- Reliability Award Presented to Corrections Officer Jamie Schlegel
- Judgment Award Presented to Corrections Officer Justin Borge
- Professionalism Award Presented to Sergeant Scott Hajek
- Integrity Award Presented to Accountant Jennifer Reifschneider
- Loyalty Award Presented to Executive Assistant Nichole Glessner

**M. Fentanyl Update:** Director Butler explained that within the past ten days, the RCPD responded to three reports of apparent drug overdoses; one having occurred in Ogden and two in Manhattan. The investigations suggest that some of the incidents may have been related to the use of heroin containing fentanyl, an extremely strong synthetic opioid. However, the toxicology reports have not been received at this time.

Butler said that as part of the department’s response, a criminal investigation into what transpired and the circumstances surrounding the overdoses is being conducted. Therefore, he hesitated to provide further details concerning the criminal aspect of the investigation. A public safety announcement was released by the department’s public information officer to warn the community about the dangers of any illegal use, especially fentanyl and heroin.

Hegarty explained that fentanyl is the synthetic form of morphine that is typically used during end-of-life treatment in palliative care settings. Mixing fentanyl with heroin has become a nationwide epidemic. He explained that the drugs are mixed to produce a more rapid and significant high. The problem is that a very small amount can be extremely dangerous. He noted that the RCPD saw the potential for a public health risk. The department wanted to warn the segment of the public that is going to use illegal drugs (heroin in particular) that there exists the potential that it is entering Manhattan and being mixed with fentanyl, which could produce lethal consequences.

Hegarty stated that investigations into the deaths are ongoing. While the individuals appear to have passed away from drug overdose, the department is unable to determine the exact cause until the lab work has been completed. Presently, they are being investigated as suspicious deaths. He commented that the department will do all that it can to bring justice to the victims and families of those who pass away as the result of suspicious circumstances or a substance that was provided to them by someone else.

Ward wished to know if officers have been specially trained in how to handle fentanyl.

Butler responded that the drug is so dangerous that the RCPD and many agencies in Kansas have stopped field testing substances suspected to be fentanyl. Instead, agencies rely on state drug testing labs (e.g., Kansas Bureau of Investigations) for the results.

**N. Fake Patty's Day Review:** Captain Fink provided the Board with a summary of calls for service, reports filed, citations issued, and arrests made during the 2019 Fake Patty's Day event compared to that of the previous four-year averages.

Fink stated that the event was considerably slower compared to previous years, which could be attributed to the weather. He reported that over the weekend period of Friday, March 1, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. to Sunday, March 3, 2019 at 6:00 a.m., the RCPD received a total of 172 calls for service compared to the four-year average of 260. A total of 52 criminal reports (excluding alcohol related reports) were filed in 2019 compared to the four-year average of 93. The officers issued 260 citations compared to the previous four-year average of 491, and a total of 25 physical arrests were made compared to the four-year average of 43. A total of 19 DUI arrests were made; 11 conducted by the Kansas Highway Patrol and 8 by the RCPD.

Fink met with Dennis Cook, Director of the Aggieville Business Association, and received feedback from officers regarding how the plan to manage Fake Patty's Day might be improved upon next year. The goal next year will be to increase the number of event participants in Aggieville and hopefully decrease the number of officers it takes to manage the event.

Morse asked Captain Fink to report back to the board with the overall financial impact of Fake Patty's Day, to include Manhattan Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

Fink agreed to return with the information once it is available. He noted that the RCPD, Fire Department and EMS conduct independent reviews of overtime and other costs related to Fake Patty's Day for their respective departments. However, the information could easily be pulled together once it is available.

Dennis Cook, Director, Aggieville Business Association, thanked the Law Board, and all law enforcement/emergency service personnel who assisted with Fake Patty's Day. He stated the ABA has some great ideas concerning how to get participants of Fake Patty's Day back into Aggieville and out of the neighborhoods. The ABA hopes to have an after action review with participants within the next four to six weeks. He extended an invitation to members of the Law Board and RCPD to join the conversations.

Wilkerson stated that he heard some bars were imposing a twenty dollar cover charge which might be one of the reasons participants are leaving Aggieville and going out into the neighborhoods.

Cook concurred with Wilkerson and stated that the ABA will discuss the matter of cover charges when planning for next year's event.

**O. 2020 Budget Development:** Director Butler explained that members of command staff held a series of meetings to formulate the 2020 budget proposal. His direction to staff was to accept all legitimate proposals for funding in 2020, then as a team, examine each proposal and narrow the list

being responsive to what they thought was reasonable and what the budget would allow. Riley County Police Department staff began with a list of nineteen budget considerations for 2020. After much discussion, six priority items remained. These items will be presented by command staff at the March 29, 2019 Special Law Board Meeting.

Butler stated that one of the goals during budget development is to begin the process of resolving historic underfunding of non-personnel accounts and hold the department to a realistic budget within specific accounts. He noted that the department would seek authorization from the board to expend unused personnel funds to cover non-personnel expenses. In addition, the department would seek authorization from the board to expend unused personnel funds at the end of the year for discretionary projects or equipment.

Butler added that starting 2022 the department anticipates some significant Information Technology (IT) related expenditures. Per statute, the RCPD cannot establish a capital improvement fund. However, command staff is prepared to provide the board with some ideas on how to accomplish this without a huge spike in funding requests. An opinion from legal counsel has been sought to determine if an IT reserve fund, similar to that which was done with the county for radio purchases, can be established.

**P. Executive Session:** At 1:10 p.m. Beardsley moved to recess into Executive Session until 1:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel matters and attorney client privilege. Stoney seconded the motion. Dodson polled the board and the motion passed with Beardsley, Morse, Stoney, Ward, Wilkerson, and Dodson voting in favor, and no one voting against. The motion passed 6-0.

At 1:30 p.m. the open meeting reconvened.

**Q. Affirmation or Revocation of Discipline:** Wilkerson moved to affirm the director's disciplinary actions. Stoney seconded the motion. Dodson polled the board and the motion passed with Beardsley, Morse, Stoney, Ward, Wilkerson, and Dodson voting in favor, and no one voting against. The motion passed 6-0.

**R. Adjournment:** Ward moved to adjourn the meeting. Beardsley seconded the motion. Dodson polled the board and the motion passed with Beardsley, Morse, Stoney, Ward, Wilkerson, and Dodson voting in favor, and no one voting against. The motion passed 6-0. The March 18, 2019 Law Board Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.