

# Sheriff's Citizens Advisory Board

## November 9, 2015

### Minutes

**Attendees:**

Knezovich, Ozzie (SCSO)	Tower, Jeff (SCSO)	VanLeuvan, Rick (SCSO)	Lewis, Mary
Crockett, Kelly	Davisson, Mike	Mackenzie, Tom	O'Neill, Leigh
West, Bob	Parker, Chuck	Winn, Kenneth	Marlett, Larry
Johnson, Skip	Palachuk, Geoff	Samadi, Mehrdad	Papich, Tiffanie
Pavani, VJ			

**Guests:**

Gregory, Mark (SCSO)	Lyons, Matt (SCSO)	Kittilstved, Mike (SCSO)
Williams-Hueter, Erin		

The meeting was called to order at 5:34pm.

The minutes of the October 12, 2015 meeting were approved.

The CAB acknowledged the following for their continued help and support of our group:

- Rick VanLeuvan
- Jeff Tower
- Mark Gregory
- Ozzie Knezovich
- Julie Mindemann
- Heather Martinez

Spokane County Criminal gas and Drug Threats Presentation:

Presented by: Sgt. Mike Kittelstved

Spokane Regional Safe Streets Task Force (SSTF)

- Combined agencies working together: SCSO, SVPD, ATF, FBI, USFS, WSP, & SPD

SSTF Mission:

- Track Criminal Gang Activity and Threats
- Track Criminal Gang Members
- Assist Investigators / Detectives / Patrol / DOC
- Actively Investigate Gang Crimes
- Develop & Share Intelligence
- Provide Gang Training
- Work with Community Organizations with Prevention & Intervention Strategies

Why We Are Here:

- Increase in Diverted Pharmaceuticals & Heroin
- This Culture of Violence is Indiscriminate
- The Effects of Gang & Drug Culture are Particularly Damaging to Children

Collaboration with FBI:

- Funding
- Federal Authority
- Technology & Assets That Are Available
- Stiff Sentences for the most violent Career Offenders

#### CAB Administrative Discussion:

- Photos, Videos & Audio Recordings
  - The CAB tabled this discussion until next meeting as to get advice from The City Civil Attorney, Jim Emacio. Jeff will meet with Jim to discuss our options.
- Changing Meeting Venue / Location
  - The CAB tabled this discussion until the next meeting in order to get more information about our options for a valley location.
  - We do have the option of using the Spokane Regional Health District Building for all of our meetings (after January 1<sup>st</sup>).

#### Membership Review:

- Renae DeCaro's letter of resignation was read and accepted by the CAB
- Due to lack of meeting attendance John Bergman and Gurjeet Singh Aujla were removed as members.
  - Leigh will send a note of thanks for their service and notice of removal from the group.
- Erin Williams-Heuter introduced herself to the group as a potential new member. She will be submitting an application for new membership.

#### Councilman Pace Letter to the Sheriff:

We were give a summary of the Internal Investigation (IA #2015-0065)

Presented by: Lt. Matt Lyons (SCSO)

- Complaint: Spokane County Constitutional Republicans claimed illegal surveillance by two Spokane County Deputies on July 9, 2015 at a meeting at Shari's Restaurant.
- Evidence Disproven (a few of the facts):
  - Spokane County Constitutional Republicans claimed the deputies were there 45 minutes. The CAD report shows they were in the parking lot between calls for 13-15 minutes.
  - Spokane County Constitutional Republicans claim the deputies were taking pictures of the member's vehicles with body cameras. Spokane Valley Deputies do not have body cameras.
  - Spokane County Constitutional Republicans claim the deputies were recording the meeting with their vehicle dash cameras. Spokane Valley Deputies cars are not equipped with dash cameras.
  - Spokane County Constitutional Republicans claimed the deputies walked around the parking lot taking pictures of vehicles. One deputy exited his car and went into a local business in the same parking lot, this was verified by a witness in the store.
- Conclusion: No illegal surveillance or investigation occurred.

The CAB tabled this discussion until all of the evidence can be given to us, along with the prosecutor's report/conclusion. Once the CAB receives all of the information we will then review and write a letter of our findings.

#### Miscellaneous New Business:

It was moved and second that the Open Forum portion of our meeting will be moved earlier in the agenda.

#### Future Meetings:

- Councilmen Pace Letter
- Photos/Recording of Meetings
- Meeting Venue/Location

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm

**Next Meeting:**

December 14, 2015 at 5:30 pm at the Emergency Management Bldg (1033 W. Gardener)

Minutes Submitted by  
Leigh O'Neill, Secretary