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Meeting Summary West Linn Public Safety Advisory Board August 27, 2018

Call to Order & Introductions: The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Chairman Tom Freedland. Also attending were Kris Duncan, Judy Wiechmann, Mike Schofield, Mark Gabriel, Stefan Myers (TVFR) and Sergeant Hoesly (WLPD). A quorum was established.

Approval of Agenda: Kris D. said when she tried to download the 8/27/18, agenda, the 7/23/18, agenda was posted in its place. No other changes were offered to the actual 8/27/18, agenda.

Approval of Minutes: The written minutes for the 7/23/18, PSAB meeting were approved with one clarification that Judy W. assumed responsibility for updating the Map Your Neighborhood (MYN) maps.

Disaster Preparedness: Judy W. announced she would be meeting with staff in the GIS department on the following day (8/28) to develop some updated MYN maps. She hopes to secure several sizes to use at different types of events.

Mike S. and Judy W. will be attending an Emergency Preparedness Fair meeting later in the week. The organizing committee hopes to learn who the City has assigned to work with them to ensure continuity in the absence of Courtney Flynn, who is leaving the State at the end of August. The Emergency Preparedness Fair is scheduled for September 13.

Judy W. reported she now has 15 buckets ready to issue to MYN hosts.

Teen Driver Safety: Tom F. reported that all four participants have been contacted and are presumed to be fully registered for the September 16 session. Tom expects to work with a committee to select the participants for the spring session as soon as a liaison with the Youth Advisory Committee is identified.

WLPD Update: Sgt. Hoesly noted that stepped up enforcement in school zones started this week. A speed trailer was recently placed on Fairhaven in response to numerous neighborhood complaints. City officials have been reluctant to post signs on Fairhaven, which makes it difficult for officers to issue citations for violation of "posted" speeds. He noted that Coho Street did get the stop sign that they requested, replacing a yield sign.

In terms of staffing, three new officers are currently at the academy. Taylor Neil has been promoted to Sergeant and Sgt. Rollins has been promoted to Captain. The second Captain position will be recruited from outside the Department.



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Sgt. Hoesly expressed appreciation for the space provided to WLPD by the West Linn Lutheran Church. He said it enables them to take a break to complete reports while staying out in the community. He also noted that there are times when the non-emergency dispatch number of 503-635-0238 can generate a faster response than 9-1-1.

WLPD is cleaning out some old items stored at the Robinwood Station Community Center. Judy W. stated she would like to see that space used to store some supplies to aid the community after a major disaster.

Mark G. expressed concern about the potential impact on West Linn neighborhoods when drivers try to avoid the toll highway. It was agreed that photo radar may not be cost effective to install without a continuously high volume of violators.

Kris D. requested a presentation at a future meeting on WLPD's systems and protocols for responding to persons experiencing a mental health crisis.

TVFR Update: Stefan Myers reported he is newly back from a series of out-of-district deployments. Station 55 is now open and will be hosting the 9/11 memorial ceremony this year. The official open house is scheduled for October 6. TVFR has responded to double the number of brush fires this season, including one behind the high school.

Mark G. stated it would be helpful if the Station 55 crew could meet with neighbors to help them determine how best to create defensible space around their homes. Stefan responded that although they are not sufficiently staffed to meet with each homeowner individually, they could arrange some group presentations.

Additional Comments: Mark G. suggested the Board invite all City Council candidates to attend the next PSAB meeting on September 24 to share their vision for addressing public safety in West Linn. Mark and Tom will follow up to extend those invitations.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Duncan (PSAB member)