



2018 Advisory Group & Neighborhood Association Annual Reports

Advisory Group/Neighborhood Association
Public Safety Advisory Board

Group Leadership

Please indicate your group chair and vice chair, or president and officers.

Thomas Freedland (Chairman)
Open (Vice Chairman)
Kris Duncan (Secretary)

Meeting Times, Dates & Location –

Please indicate the recurring dates, times and locations of your meetings. Also include the total number of times your group met in 2018.

The Public Safety Advisory Board meets monthly on the fourth Monday at 19:00 in the John Satter Community Room at the West Linn Police Department. In 2018, the citizen advisory group met a total of 11 times; there was no meeting in December to avoid scheduling conflicts over the holidays.

2018 Accomplishments

Please describe your group's notable accomplishments during 2018.

- Assisted with the organization of the September 2018 Emergency Preparedness Fair which drew about 150 people from the community.
- Judy Wiechmann, Mike Schofield, and Kris Duncan staffed a Map Your Neighborhood table the weekend of the West Linn Old Time Fair in July 2018.
- Through a donation we sent 7 teenage drivers to the Tire Rack Street Survival program, a one day, hands on driving school held at Portland International Raceway.
- Board members Judy Wiechmann and Kris Duncan facilitated over 100 households into the Map Your Neighborhood orientation/training meetings, and are continuing to promote and schedule meetings into 2019, almost 75 households so far.
- The board met with Paul Braunstein (First Net) and Shane Boyle (City of West Linn Information Technology Director) on the function and integration of the First Net broadband system to be used by the City's public safety agencies/departments.
- The board met with WLPD Officer John Huntsman at our November 2018 meeting regarding Mental Health resources and policy/procedures utilized by field officers to deescalate and assist individuals contending with mental health issues that require a public safety response.

2018 Challenges

Please describe challenges your group faced in 2018.

- The PSAB did not have a dedicated liaison from WLPD assigned to work with us after Lt. Stradley retired and took a position with DPSST. This limited our ability to have the most information/status of the police department.
- Coordinating with scholarship winners for firm commitments to participate in the teen driving school events (Spring and Fall) at Portland International Raceway was not always forthcoming. This continued as a problem this year, in part, due to the date of the classes and semester/vacation breaks at West Linn High. At the end of 2018 we started a different selection process which we hope will correct this problem in 2019.
- Recruiting neighborhood captains to hold Map Your Neighborhood training sessions continued as a problem, but communication seems to be improving.

2019 Goals

What are your goals for 2019, and how can the City Council assist your group in achieving these goals?

- Continue with important board initiatives:
 - Conduct Map Your Neighborhood training sessions throughout the community.
 - Partner with the Youth Advisory Council on promoting the Street Survival Scholarship.
 - Implement new application/selection process for teenage drivers to attend the Street Survival driving program.
 - Community outreach with groups like Community Living Above, West Linn Alliance for Inclusive Community, and others in West Linn with an interest in public safety.
- Partner with Oregon Impact and the West Linn - Wilsonville School District to put on an event that simulates a multiple-fatality drunken driving accident in an effort to raise awareness in a community (carryover from 2018).
- Develop a more robust promotional effort to raise attendance at the 2019 Emergency Preparedness Fair
- Coordinate with WLPD to ensure every new member added to the West Linn Police Department is aware of the PSAB and its role in the community.

Any additional feedback to share with the City Council?

Please include any additional information you would like the City Council to be aware of as they review your group's report.

To help the board raise funds from the community to support its public safety initiatives, it needs a mechanism to collect donations from individuals who can deduct these contributions from their taxes. We have found a workaround for the Street Survival program as their oversight organization is an

approved charity for donations to be tax deductible, but other projects needing funding, such as Map Your Neighborhood supplies remain a problem.

Thomas D. Freedland
PSAB Chair
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