

The Police – Citizens Advisory Committee

March 22, 2005

Meeting Minutes

7:00 p.m.

In Attendance: City Marshal Thomas Howard, Joyce Crosby, Linda Hitt, Ellen Canavan, Steve Maguire, Officer Bill Steeves

Committee held off on approving the minutes of the February 15th meeting because Ann Lagasse, secretary, was unable to attend.

The committee was provided a copy of an overtime graph comparing expenditures by the police department for 2004 and 2005. T. Howard explained reasons for elevated overtime costs, such as medical, Yankee Homecoming, and mandatory trainings. The committee is looking at ways to assist the department in defending their needs related to overtime.

S. Maguire shared with the committee how he had seen the coverage the police received in the Naples's Florida newspaper. He explained once a month the paper runs a full page outlining what's gone on, who's been captured, and crimes stats. Steve will provide us with the website information and may bring a copy to the next meeting.

T. Howard updated the committee on the progress of the department's monthly newspaper article. Sergeant Peter Finnegan has been working a format for these articles and will be meeting with John Macone to go over the newspaper's guidelines and possible concerns. We are hopeful these articles will begin within the next couple weeks.

T. Howard gave the committee an overview of the EMS Management Study. The committee will be given a copy of this study once members of the City council have been provided one.

T. Howard informed the members that the police survey was being tabulated by members of the council on aging. At the present time 50% of the survey has been tabulated but there has been a slow down. Members felt a need to have the rest of the surveys completed. T. Howard will contact the council on aging to see if they could assist in completing the tabulation in a timely manner.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 12th at 7:00pm. Members discussed meeting earlier if needed to discuss upcoming budget.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Howard

