

**ANTIOCH CRIME PREVENTION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

**Regular Meeting
7:00 P.M.**

**September 16, 2019
Police Department Community Room**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairperson LaPoint called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M., on September 16, 2019 in the Antioch Police Department Community Room.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Eubanks, Lewis, Morales Corona and Vice Chairperson LaPoint
Absent: Chairperson White

Staff: Lieutenant, Powell Meads
Sergeant, Rick Smith
Coordinator, Hans Ho
Minutes Clerk, Kitty Eiden

3. CHAIR'S OPENING REMARKS

Vice Chairperson LaPoint welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited new attendees to introduce themselves.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (July 15, 2019)

On motion by Vice Chairperson LaPoint, seconded by Commissioner Lewis the Crime Prevention Commission members present unanimously approved the minutes of July 15, 2019 as presented. The motion carried the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Eubanks, Lewis, Morales Corona, LaPoint
Absent: Chairperson White

5. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

6. PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMISSION

"Unmanned Aerial System" by Sgt. Smith, APD

Sgt Smith gave a PowerPoint presentation of the Antioch Police Department's "Unmanned Aerial System" which included the following:

Need assessment included:

- Population exceeding 115,000
- 25 square miles
- Rural areas bordering the city
- Contra Loma and Antioch reservoirs
- Contra Costa County Canals
- 35 parks and numerous open space areas
- Trails and bikeways
- Large undeveloped areas
- Active coast line
- Two marinas and two boat ramps
- Extended response from air and marine units

Public fears and perceptions include:

- Misinformation that “Unmanned Aerial System” were drones associated with military action and could be deployed to monitor personal action and invade privacy
- Fact: deployment was only for a mission based on a call for service and they could not look into windows without a court order

Education:

- “Unmanned Aerial System” are Mavic 2 Enterprise Dual with thermal and color capabilities
- Canines were used to flush out suspects and then the “Unmanned Aerial System” was used to locate those suspects
- “Unmanned Aerial System” could be used to guide a tactical team or locate a missing person/child
- “Unmanned Aerial System” can fly anywhere an aircraft can and cover large areas within minutes
- Within the first few minutes, discarded weapons could be located by the heat signature emitted from body heat
- “Unmanned Aerial System” was utilized for documenting and mapping traffic accidents, crime scenes or natural disasters
- “Unmanned Aerial System” enhanced officer and public safety
- “Unmanned Aerial System” assisted in tactical operations
- County and CHP helicopters cost \$10-15K or more per hour
- Antioch Police Department dictated “Unmanned Aerial System” deployment
- Rapid deployment could occur within 3-5 minutes after arriving on scene
- “Unmanned Aerial System” one-time cost was \$3000.00 and if damaged replacement was \$200.00
- “Unmanned Aerial System” had multiple mission capabilities
- “Unmanned Aerial System” can clear large areas in minimal time
- SWAT operations did not occur without the “Unmanned Aerial System”
- Sergeant Smith designed the program to protect the APD, public and property

- Training occurred regularly
- All “Unmanned Aerial System” operators were certified pilots
- Waivers allowed them to fly 24/7
- “Unmanned Aerial System” does not fly in rainy weather
- Equipment was maintained per the specifications
- “Unmanned Aerial System” had an extremely high safety record with many sensors, radar and cameras
- Top speed for the “Unmanned Aerial System” was 35 MPH
- Prior to flying, anytime an “Unmanned Aerial System” was launched, there was a pre-flight check list and risk assessment

In response to speakers, Sergeant Smith clarified the following:

- Effective range was 5 miles and within the visual line of sight; however, typical range was 2 miles
- If communication was made with an officer at a different location, range could be extended
- Batteries lasted for 35-40 minutes of flight time; however, any accessory added weight and decreased flight time
- Public and canine announcements could be made via the “Unmanned Aerial System”
- Canine officers were recording their own announcements
- There were currently six canines and two Mavic 2 systems
- A Walmart grant program provided an additional unit to clear interiors
- Typical deployment was for in progress burglaries or thefts
- A website allowed live viewing to be pushed out the patrol cars
- There were two “Unmanned Aerial System” pilots; however the program would soon be expanded to six with the goal to have one on every crew
- Antioch Police Department was currently working with Brentwood and Oakley to develop their programs
- The County and marine unit had programs and the goal was to build a regional team including CONFIRE

Sergeant Smith showed videos of incidents in which the “Unmanned Aerial System” was deployed.

In response to additional speakers, Sergeant Smith clarified the following:

- APD would be getting the Shots Fired system which was very effective and expensive
- APD staffing was increasing and several lateral officers were in the hiring process
- APD was a very desirable agency

The Police Crime Prevention Commission agreed to take a break from 7:32 P.M. – 7:48 P.M. for a live demonstration of the Unmanned Aerial System.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

Business Watch Implementation – Report by Commission

Commissioner Eubanks reported that the Antioch Marina Business Watch met regularly and it was proceeding very well. He announced that Twin Rivers Insurance, the Antioch Marina, Delta Kayak Adventures, Smith's Landing, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad, Delta Kayak Adventures, Antioch Historical Society, Bay Indoor RV and Boat and the Riverview Lodge participated. He noted Inland Marine and Alta Fence were considering participation. He further noted that concerns of the group included homelessness and burglaries in the area. He reported that their next meeting was on September 25, 2019 at the Antioch Historical Society Museum and he invited everyone to attend. He also reported that the Somersville Mall Business Watch had been inactive.

Vice Chairperson LaPoint reported that she was still working on Hillcrest Shopping Center Business Watch.

Neighborhood Watch Best Practices Committee – Report by Chairperson White

Vice Chairperson LaPoint announced that the Neighborhood Watch Best Practices Committee anticipated setting a meeting date in late September.

Suggestion to APD re Surveillance Camera Window Plaque – Commissioner Eubanks

Commissioner Eubanks gave an overview of the APD Voluntary Security Camera Registration Program as well as his proposal asking for the Antioch Police Department to consider providing participants with window decals and/or other promotional materials that advertise their participation. He recommended the Police Crime Prevention Commission approve forwarding the Surveillance Camera Window Plaque Proposal to APD, for their consideration.

Coordinator Ho added that if approved, this proposal would go to Lieutenant Meads for determination of the programs feasibility.

In response to Vice Chairperson LaPoint, Coordinator Ho stated if the program was approved, the City would fund, design and distribute promotional materials.

On motion by Commissioner Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Morales Corona the Police Crime Prevention Commissioners members present unanimously advanced the written proposal as written to the Antioch Police Department. The motion carried the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Eubanks, Lewis, Morales Corona, LaPoint
Absent: Chairperson White

Coordinator Ho stated he would email the proposal to Lieutenant Meads.

Community Outreach Sub Committee, “Bridging the Gap” – Commissioner Lewis

Commissioner Lewis reported on his participation in the Community Outreach Sub-Committee and gave an overview of their proposal to involve the community. He noted the focus for outreach would include four groups consisting of parents, businesses, youth and the religious community. He noted the goal would be to describe issues facing their communities and develop strategies to resolve those issues. He further noted if approved by the Commission, he would be happy to provide further details on how to implement the program.

In response to Vice Chairperson LaPoint, Commissioner Lewis stated he would head the subcommittee and coordinate with the different groups. He noted it would function similar to Neighborhood Watch.

Vice Chairperson suggested incorporating those groups into the Commission meetings.

Commissioner Lewis stated he would conduct community outreach to locate participants. He reported that Commissioner Eubanks and Morales Corona were interested in participating.

Coordinator Ho stated that a majority of the Commission would need to approve going forward with the subcommittee and then that committee would come back with a report on how to achieve their goals.

On motion by Commissioner Eubanks, seconded by Commissioner Lewis the Police Crime Prevention Commission members present unanimously approved the Community Outreach subcommittee consisting of Commissioners Eubanks, Lewis and Morales Corona. The motion carried the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Eubanks, Lewis, Morales Corona, LaPoint
Absent: Chairperson White

Coordinator Ho commented that the subcommittee could meet and come back with a report at the next Commission meeting.

7. NEW ITEMS TO BE AGENDIZED FOR THE NEXT MEETING - None

8. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

Commission - None

Staff

Coordinator Ho announced the APD would be hosting their Halloween program on October 31, 2019. He encouraged Commissioners to volunteer for the event. He also announced that they would be accepting monetary and candy donations.

In response to Commissioner Eubanks, Coordinator Ho commented that Commissioners could attend in costume; however, he would rather they represent the Commission.

Vice Chairperson LaPoint announced the following meeting/presentation and event schedule:

10. FUTURE COMMISSION MEETINGS / EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS / EVENTS

- Neighborhood Clean Up, 9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M. on October 5, 2019 at Prosserville Park
- Crime Prevention Commission meeting – 7:00 P.M. on October 21, 2019 in the Police Department Community Room

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mark Davidson expressed concern regarding criminal activity occurring in his neighborhood particularly with shots fired in the area. He noted they were utilizing cameras, keeping their lights on at night and being vigilant. He requested staff provide feedback as to what other safety measures they could take to address these concerns.

Lieutenant Meads recommended Mr. Davidson call in all suspicious activity and noted they could also request extra patrol in the area. He noted that on his behalf, following the meeting this evening, he would request extra patrols for the area. He further noted the non-emergency dispatch number was 778-2441.

In speaking to Mr. Davidson's concerns regarding vehicles parking in the area, Lieutenant Meads stated anyone could park on a public street legally; however, abandoned cars that had not moved for over 72 hours and vehicles with five unpaid parking citations, could be towed. He further noted vehicles with no license plates could be ticketed, but not towed.

Coordinator Ho added that if a registration was expired for over six months the vehicle could be towed and fines assessed. He clarified that if a vehicle was located on private property, it was a Code Enforcement issue and if it was located on a city street it was a Police Department issue. He encouraged residents to send emails to parkingenforcement@ci.antioch.ca.us.

In response to Commissioner Eubanks, Lieutenant Meads stated that APD would respond to collect bullets and investigate; however, they could not get ballistics from them. He noted shell casings would have more evidentiary value.

12. ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Vice Chairperson LaPoint, seconded by Commissioner Lewis the Crime Prevention Commission members present unanimously adjourned the meeting. The motion carried the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Eubanks, Lewis, Morales Corona, LaPoint
Absent: Chairperson White

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M. to the next regularly scheduled meeting on October 21, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Kitty Eiden

KITTY EIDEN, Minutes Clerk