PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 5, 2012
Lakewood Police Department
9401 Lakewood Drive SW
Lakewood, WA 98499

CALL TO ORDER
The Meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Public Safety Advisory Committee Members present: Lonnie Lai, Sheri Badger, Alan Hart, Bryan Thomas, Aaron Young, Sam Ross and Julio Perez-Tanahashi

Public Safety Advisory Board Members excused: Ray Dotson

City Councilmember Present: Marie Barth

Fire Department Staff Present: Deputy Fire Chief Mitch Sagers

Staff Present: Assistant Chief Mike Zaro and Committee Staff Support Joanna Nichols, Administrative Assistant.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alan Hart motioned to approve the November meeting minutes. All ayes; minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Edith Wallace is on the Board of Deacons for the Little Church on the Prairie here in Lakewood; they wanted to check in with PSAC to see if there was anything we are in need of and gave examples of the assistance they can provide. Discussion ensued regarding homeless, Emergency Management and shelter needs.
CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

City Council member Marie Barth reminded everyone of the Tree Lighting Ceremony on Friday, December 7th, as well as the Jingle Bell 5k.

City Council member Marie Barth mentioned the metal theft issue, stating her office had been hit recently.

FIRE CHIEF COMMENTS

Handout-November 2012 Alarm Summary Report
Deputy Fire Chief Mitch Sagers went over the Fire Department’s statistics.

Deputy Fire Chief Mitch Sagers stated that West Pierce Fire and Rescue received a National FEMA Award for Colleen Adler’s work with C.E.R.T. and the City Council will be doing a proclamation for that possibly on the 17th of this month.

The Board of Commissioners meeting has changed to the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month; Deputy Fire Chief Mitch Sagers will get that information to Joanna Nichols. Deputy Chief Sagers will probably be unable to attend PSAC meetings due to this, but Assistant Chief Karl Roth will be attending in his place.

Deputy Fire Chief Mitch Sagers reiterated that WPFR would no longer be serving DuPont as of January 1st, 2013 but that they are providing permanent, contract basis, services to Steilacoom effective December 1st, 2012. The contract is for 10 years.

POLICE CHIEF COMMENTS

Handout-Crime and Incident/Year End Report (October 2012)
Assistant Chief Mike Zaro went over the crime statistics. Discussion ensued.

Assistant Chief Mike Zaro discussed the rise in metal thefts, explaining this was a problem everywhere, not just Lakewood or Pierce County. Discussion ensued.

Assistant Chief Mike Zaro gave the Food Drive totals as of Tuesday, the 4th which were: 48,000 pounds of food and $18,000.

Assistant Chief Mike Zaro stated he is on the Combined Operations Board for South Sound 911; they’ve narrowed down their candidate list for Executive Director to six. City Manager Andrew Neiditz is one of the six. Discussion ensued regarding progress of South Sound 911 and the hiring efforts.
Bryan Thomas asked about the new Marijuana laws. Assistant Chief Mike Zaro stated that it is still illegal to buy and sell without a medical marijuana card, and as a result of people not understanding this, arrests may go up for a little while. Discussion ensued.

Assistant Chief Mike Zaro stated that the Police Department does not have any formal Christmas plans, but the Guild Charity is still doing Shop with a Cop on Sunday the 16th at Walmart, and hand delivering holiday meals to roughly 48 families here in Lakewood.

NEW BUSINESS

Joanna Nichols asked about moving the January 2nd PSAC meeting to January 9th, due to the offices being closed on January 1st and holiday scheduling. Alan Hart motioned to move the meeting to the 9th; all ayes, meeting will be on January 9th at 5:15 p.m. at the Station.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bryan Thomas stated he wanted to finish the brainstorming session regarding a direction/projects for PSAC to tackle in the coming year, which was started at last month’s meeting. Discussion ensued. Issues suggested were Emergency Management/Preparedness, Homelessness, Minority Recruiting Plan for the Police Department, looking at past ordinances to see how they are doing, and working with Lakewood Planning Board to give Public Safety input. Bryan asked everyone to email Joanna Nichols with their preferences for a long range goal and a short term goal for the committee to tackle in the coming year, out of those topics presented tonight, in order to get a consensus and start to move forward at the next meeting.

It was also agreed that Joanna Nichols will contact Chris Badger, Colleen Adler, and Mary Dodsword for a presentation at one of the next meetings (January or February.) It was suggested that the committee come up with some type of agenda of issues for the ladies to discuss, and then give them each a few minutes to talk about those issues.

Alan Hart asked about the Code Red/PC Alert systems, wondering if this might be something good for Lakewood. Discussion ensued over differences between Code Red and PC Alert. Assistant Chief Mike Zaro agreed it could be something worth looking into if it was something the community was interested in having and this would be an area where PSAC would be the ones to say whether this was the case or not. Sheri Badger and Deputy Fire Chief Mitch Sagers reminded everyone that it only worked if people opted-in to receive the notifications, so it requires a lot of advertising/public outreach to be effective. Discussion ensued.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS & STAFF

No new reports from Board Members or Staff
ADJOURNMENT

Julio Perez-Tanahashi motioned to adjourn the meeting. All ayes; meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Public Safety Advisory Committee

Bryan Thomas, Chair

Attest:

Joanna Nichols / Secretary