



## **CITY OF PHILOMATH**

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### **POLICE COMMITTEE**

#### **Minutes**

**September 10, 2014**

**Members:** Angie Baca  
Jason Leonard  
Sean Manning

**Staff:** Ken Elwer, Chief of Police  
Ken Rueben, Sergeant  
Shelley Bartlow, Administrative Assistant  
Chris Workman, City Manager

**Visitor:** Nathan Bruttell, Gazette Times

Chief Elwer called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM

#### **Roll Call**

Present: Jason Leonard, Sean Manning and Angie Baca (7:25 PM).

Jason Leonard moved, Sean Manning second to elect Angie Baca as Police committee chair. Motion Approved 2-0.

**Public Comments:** None

1. **TRUCK INSPECTION UPDATE:** Officer Grant Moser now has certification through ODOT to do truck inspections. They recently set up a remote weigh station off Chapel to monitor trucks that were by passing scales in town. ODOT pays for a portion of Officer Moser's salary. It is working out to be a positive partnership.
2. **DISASTER PLANNING:** packets have now been distributed throughout the City of Philomath and they were very well received.

3. **DRUG TAKE BACK:** This program is doing very well. Several people come in each week, many of them bringing bundles of drugs which they have collected from their homes. October 27 there will be a Saturday take back program where neighboring agencies will also participate.
4. **NEW HIRES:** Noah Lochner and Kevin Frahm have been hired as new Police Officers and started work on August 11, 2014. They will be attending the Police Academy at DPSST starting the middle of September and finish up in January. Sergeant Rueben shared with the committee that PPD is very excited about both men. He informed the committee that he believes they will both learn quickly and are already showing promise in their writing skills as well as officer awareness.
5. **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT:** This year there were three churches involved in National Night Out. Peace Lutheran had the biggest event with many booths set up as well as a full BBQ and live music. New Life also had a celebration in their parking lot with live music. Living Faith Community Church set up in a local park where they reached out to families in the neighborhood. All locations had food and the police and fire departments visited each location. Definite success.
6. **SHIFT REVIEW:** The PPD is now staffing 12 hour shifts for the officers. It is going well. Sergeant Rueben brought in an example of the new schedule and answered the committee member's questions.
7. **EVIDENCE REVIEW:** Sergeant Rueben organized a complete audit and reorganization of the departments evidence room. Officers Moser, Lochner and Frahm helped him. A new system is now in place where there are bar codes and all evidence is now scanned in. This system is working very well and is already saving time. The committee was given a tour at the close of the meeting.
8. **CRIME STATS:** 2013 crime stats were handed out. Nothing really stands out. Philomath continues to be a city with low crime rates.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM