



## **CITY OF PHILOMATH**

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### **POLICE COMMITTEE**

#### **Minutes**

**February 19, 2015**

**Members:** Eric Niemann  
Doug Edmonds  
Sean Manning

**Staff:** Ken Elwer, Chief of Police  
Ken Rueben, Sergeant  
Shelley Bartlow, Administrative Assistant

Chief Elwer called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM

#### **Roll Call**

Present: Eric Niemann  
Doug Edmonds  
Sean Manning

Sean Manning moved, Eric Niemann second to elect Doug Edmonds as Police committee chair. Motion Approved 2-0.

**Public Comments:** None

1. **SWIM POOL, CAMP ORDINANCE Review:** discussed 2 ordinances which the city is considering putting into place. The swimming pool ordinance and safety of small children was discussed. Fencing around the pool, etc. The police committee would like a better definition of what constitutes a swimming pool before this ordinance is passed. The Camp Trailer ordinance was discussed and committee agreed to recommend that this ordinance move forward to City Council for approval.

2. **SOCIAL MEDIA:** Sergeant Rueben led the discussion regarding Philomath Police Department Twitter account. Just one more way to communicate with the public. If this takes off, it may be a better way to get news to the public in place of Nixle. Great way to track how many people are following and also the PPD twitter can follow other agencies and news channels (BCSO, Gazette Times, OSP, etc...)
3. **BODY CAMERAS:** Very soon legislature may be mandating use of body cameras for all agencies. PPD has already taken the necessary steps in order to be proactive and put this into place. The funds budgeted for car cameras is now being put into the body cameras. Sergeant Rueben explained usage, storage of data, privacy and then demonstrated how the system works and showed the police committee videos.
4. **NEW HIRES:** Noah Lochner and Kevin Frahm have now graduated from the Police Academy at DPSST and are in formal training. They are doing great. Learning quickly and will be with their training officer full time for 3 months.
5. **CRIME STATS:** Criminal statistics for the PPD were handed out and reviewed for 2014. Philomath continues to have very low crime rates and there were no notable changes in 2014 when compared to the past couple of years.
6. **OTHER BUSINESS:** Eric Niemann brought up the fact that by July 1, 2015, marijuana will become legal in Oregon. The committee discussed the changes that will take place when this goes into effect. Chief Elwer plans to meet with Jim Brewer to discuss the legal changes and what it will mean to PPD.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM

Minutes taken by Shelley Bartlow.