

Sheriff's Citizens Advisory Board

May 11, 2015

Minutes

Attendees:

Knezovich, Ozzie (SCSO)	VanLeuvan, Rick (SCSO)	O'Neill, Leigh	Parker, Chuck
Bergman, J.F.	Marlett, Larry	DeCaro, Renae	Peetz, Brandi
Davisson, Mike	West, Bob	Johnson, Skip	Pavani, VJ
Mackenzie, Tom	Samadi, Mehrdad		

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm.

The minutes of the April 13, 2015 meeting were approved.

Over the summer the Sherriff has asked us to review the new bylaw for the Advisory Board

Sergeant Marty Tucker brought the Use of Force Team:

- They explained the Use of Force findings related to the OZ fitness Officer Involved Death and answered the Advisory Boards Questions.
- Team Included:
 - Deputy Byron Zlateff – Overview of the incident
 - Detective Rob Satake – Taser (Situational use, applications of, and Deputies Paynter & Audie's Taser logs)
 - Detective Damon Simons – Defensive Techniques (Discussion of tactics used by Deputies Paynter and Audie)
 - Deputy Jeff Conway – Excited Delirium (May be hard to identify (ie. drug use, mental issues). Once excited delirium is identified and called out all departments (911, EMTs, Fire, etc.) play a role.

We will meet in June for finalization of the Advisory Board findings letter for the Oz Fitness Case and any policy change suggestions.

CAB members who turned in their Oz Fitness Case Books:

- Mike Davisson
- Leigh O'Neill
- Mehrdad Samadi
- John Bergman
- Bob West
- Skip Johnson
- Larry Marlett

Future Meeting:

- Bob West distributed a Power Point on the criminal justice system in Spokane from 1960 to present.
- Bob West has invited Jacqueline van Wormer, Criminal Justice Administrator to our September meeting. She will explain her role and functions of the SCLJC.
- 911 Call Center Tour for the Advisory Group
- New bylaws will be distributed to the group for summer reading for discussion in our September meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:27 pm

Next Meeting:

June 8, 2015 at 6:30 pm at the Public Safety Building

Minutes Submitted by
Leigh O'Neill

Investigation Questions

1. Are deputies trained to handle extremely stressful situations and how to de-escalate these situations? If so, please explain in detail what training is required.

Answer:

Yes. The SCSO uses reality based training. The training is ever evolving as new situations or learning moments arise. Key items to note:

- The situation determines what happens.
- Police actions are dictated by the individual.
- De-escalation is dependent on compliance.

2. Can we get a demonstration of the Vascular Neck Restraint? Why would a deputy use his knee in the back of a suspect while in an VNR (as Deputy Audie stated in his report)?

Answer:

VNR was successfully demonstrated. Each SCSO is given defensive tactics training 3 times a year.

3. Did Paynter run code? Did Audie run code?

Answer:

Deputy Paynter did not run code. Deputy Audie ran code after Paynter advised his taser didn't work on subject.

4. What is the protocol for excited delirium? Please explain in detail.

Answer:

Once identified, excited delirium is called out of the radio. There is an immediate response from officers, fire, and EMTs.

- Officers – Overwhelming force or taser is used to subdue subject
- Fire – Stages area
- EMTs/Paramedics – Sedates and administers cool saline to subject, then transports the subject to hospital

5. Was Audie reprimanded for his unprofessional behavior? Was there any follow/training up to Audie's behavior? Did he apologize to EMT Karnitz?

Answer:

Disciplinary action, if any was taken; information was not available at our meeting. In the words of the Sheriff, "Deputy Audie fell on his sword and admitted his behavior was unprofessional". At the time of our meeting it was not known if there was an apology from Deputy Audie to the EMT Karnitz.

6. Can we get a demonstration on the leg maneuver used on the suspect? (pg. 112)

Excerpt from report: "used to keep subject on the ground using feet applied to suspect's thighs"

Answer:

Leg maneuver successfully demonstrated.

7. Was the abnormal EKG due to a congenital defect or drug related? (pg.264)

Answer:

No medical personnel present to answer question.

8. Drug screen positive from Holy Family/ Rockwood on 6.4.13 and negative from Sacred Heart on 6.5.13, is there an explanation for this?

Answer:

No explanation. No medical personnel present to answer question.

9. How long does meth stay in the blood or your system?

Answer:

Approximately 12 hours.

10. Why did response take 25 minutes? (pg. 579)

Call Received – 18:56:27

10 minutes

Dispatched – 19:06:51

15 minutes

On Scene – 19:21:24

Observations: Multiple calls from Witnesses. Incident did not seem urgent to 911 operators. In order to get a faster response witnesses mentioned adding a weapon to report.

Answer:

There were many contributing factors in the delayed response time:

- 911 calls held and then downgraded call.
- Shift change.
- Rush hour.
- Only one deputy assigned to coverage that part of the county.
- Call not urgent enough (at the time it was dispatched) to warrant other deputies from other jurisdictions to respond.

Photo Observations:

11. Photos Disc 1 of 2, File: CS-5501 Reagal 6.7.13 MD

- a. Evidence Tag #AG – What was the significance of Jacket in the weeds?

Answer:

The jacket was photographed and logged in as possible evidence, as it was at the scene. Found later to not be part of incident.

12. SCSO 911 & Phone Calls -> 911 Recording:

- a. Track 3 & 4 – 911 Operator not assuring about sending someone
- b. Track 5,6, 7, & 8 – Witnesses frustrated with no response after 20 minutes. 911 Operator mentions to witnesses to call us back if the situation changes or escalates. Is there some additional training these operators need?

Answer:

No 911 personnel present to answer question.