

MINUTES - Community Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: June 20, 2024

Chairman: Jon Reaud

Vice-Chairman: Shawn Javed

Members:

Dwight Benoit, John Dean, Carlos Hernandez, Sohaib Jabbar, Shawn Javed, Glen Johnson, Will Landry, Roy McGrath, Brian Nepveux, Lashon Proctor, Jon Reaud, Rodney Robichau, Frances Graham, William "Bill" Sam, Thomas Sigee

Call to order by Community Advisory Committee: Chairperson Jon Reaud

June 20, 2024 - 1:00 p.m: A normal meeting of the Police Community Advisory Committee was held in the 3rd floor training classroom at the Emergency Management Center.

Members in attendance:

Frances Graham, Carlos Hernandez, Sohaib Jabbar, Shawn Javed, Glen Johnson, Will Landry, Roy McGrath, Lashon Proctor, Jon Reaud, Rodney Robichau, Bill Sam, Thomas Sigee

Members not in attendance:

Dwight Benoit, John Dean, Brian Nepveux

Members of the Police Department in attendance:

Chief Singletary, Assistant Chief Jeffcoat, Assistant Chief Plunkett, Captain Ocnaschek, Captain Tyler, Sergeant Swope, Sergeant Olivier, Sergeant Parrot, Judi Rawls and Emma Nelson

Guests in Attendance:

Vicki Johnson

Pledge of Allegiance

Opening Prayer – Landry

Moment of Silence for fallen officers

Roll Call – Vice-Chairman Javed

Chairman Reaud called the meeting to order. Chief Plunkett introduced Sgt. Olivier who is over financial crimes. Sgt. Olivier gave a presentation on various types of scams – both common and less common. He explained how criminals obtain the information necessary to carry out these various scams. He then transitioned into speaking on scams that have impacted our area recently. He talked about how these types of scams seem to come in waves, so it is important to share with the police and with your peers when someone attempts to scam you. He explained how to protect yourself from being vulnerable to these situations and how to respond. He stated that the biggest things the public needs to know are that you never *get* nothing for nothing – and to verify everything before sharing information.

Many members of the committee shared their personal experiences and discussed them with Sgt. Olivier.

Ic3.gov is the federal Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) and the best place to share your experiences to protect others.

Next Sgt. Parrot touched on cryptocurrency. He warned that it was almost impossible to track. Out of the ten cryptocurrency situations that BPD *has* been able to track, nine of them revealed that the money was out of the country within 24 hours. He did say that if you realize someone is scamming you, immediately call the banking institution. If you realize that an elderly person is being scammed, use the phrase “exploitation of elderly” when filing a report in order to expedite the process.

Chairman Reaud then shared his recent personal experience with an attempted scam. Mr. Landry shared about A Million Men United for Christ, his nonprofit. Mr. McGrath reminded the committee about BPD’s fun day in the park as well as the CPA class starting on August 15th. He reminded the committee that Citizens Police Academy (CPA) is mandatory for all committee members.

Benediction: Reaud

Meeting Ended: 2:45 p.m.

Next Meeting: July 18, 2024 at 1:00 pm in the BPD Training Classroom

Minutes Taken by: Emma Nelson/ Community Outreach Coordinator
Beaumont Police Department/Administration Division