



**CITY OF COCONUT CREEK
PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES**

**Government Center
4800 West Copans Road
Coconut Creek, FL 33063**

**Date: October 17, 2019
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Meeting No. 2019-1017**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Robert Flood at 6:02 p.m.

2. PRESENT UPON ROLL CALL

Vice Chair Robert Flood
Margaret "Peggy" Lackner
Lauren Linville
Benjamin Nazario
Kevin Sattler (Alternate)

Also present: Police Chief Albert "Butch" Arenal, Fire Marshal Jeffery Gary, Deputy City Attorney Kathryn Mehaffey, and Senior Staff Assistant Jaimie Korstjens.

3. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER

Newly-appointed Board Member Margaret "Peggy" Lackner briefly introduced herself.

4. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Deputy City Attorney Kathryn Mehaffey opened the nominations for the position of Chair to fill the current vacancy. Board Member Lauren Linville nominated herself for the position of Chair, seconded by Board Member Kevin Sattler. With no other nominations on the floor, Ms. Linville was seated as Chair.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A MOTION APPROVING THE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING(S). (2019-0729)

MOTION: Flood/Sattler – To approve the Minutes of the July 29, 2019, meeting.

The Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

6. OVERVIEW OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Fire Marshal Jeffery Gary began a *PowerPoint* presentation, which provided an overview the City's Fire Administration Department. He explained the contractual relationship that

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Coconut Creek has with the City of Margate for fire and emergency medical services and provided a brief history of the City's fire rescue services. He discussed the following responsibilities of the Fire Marshal:

- Annual Fire Inspections for commercial and multifamily occupancies;
- Construction Plan Review;
- Construction Inspections;
- Fire Investigations;
- CPR Training;
- Fire Extinguisher Training;
- Fire Safety Education;
- Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT); and
- Emergency Management.

Fire Marshal Gary discussed the shared resources and equipment for Margate-Coconut Creek Fire Rescue, including:

- Five fire stations (Stations 50, 94, 18, 98, and 58);
- Two advanced life support ladder companies;
- Three advanced life support engine companies; and
- Five advanced life support rescue units.

He noted that Margate-Coconut Creek Fire Rescue was Insurance Services Office (ISO) Class 1 rated since 2017. Fire Marshal Gary spoke about the two fire stations located in Coconut Creek, Station 94 and Station 50, and showed the areas that were covered by the stations. He discussed the locations of the three fire stations located in Margate and the areas covered by those stations. He showed two maps depicting response zones within Coconut Creek and explained how calls for fire service are dispatched according to the response zones. Fire Marshal Gary spoke about the future need for a fire station in the central part of Coconut Creek, which will be known as Station 113, based on analysis of response time data.

Discussion ensued regarding the response areas covered by Station 94 in the north end of the City and national standards for average response times. Fire Marshal Gary explained that the response time data for calls for service was maintained by the Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO), as the provider of dispatch communication services in Broward County. Discussion ensued regarding the long response times for emergency calls for service, and Fire Marshal Gary encouraged everyone to report those incidents to the Fire Department or Police Department so that they can be investigated with BSO.

Police Chief Albert "Butch" Arenal further discussed call time turnout data from BSO dispatch. He spoke about the challenges with being able to access the data efficiently and the operations of the regional communications system. He provided comparisons to the City of Coral Springs, which provides its own dispatch services, regarding the availability of data and locally trained dispatchers who are familiar with the community. Police Chief Arenal commented that the City had allocated funds for alternate dispatch services and discussed the option of joining with the City of Coral Springs.

7. REPEAT CALLS FOR SERVICE

8. BI-WEEKLY CRIME SNAPSHOT

Agenda Items 7 and 8 were heard together.

Police Chief Arenal spoke about intelligence-led policing and noted that the City funded a crime analyst position last budget year to help combat crime with predictive policing. He explained that the Repeat Calls for Service and Bi-weekly Crime Snapshot Reports were two tools that the Police Department uses for this purpose. Police Chief Arenal commented that the Bi-weekly Crime Snapshot Report details regional crime trends, outstanding stolen vehicles, crime/safety bulletins, prison/probation releases, repeat Baker Acts, active warrants, notable field interviews, juvenile high profile offenders/threat assessments, and a calendar of upcoming events. He noted that the report was used by the Patrol Division to deploy personnel more effectively. He explained that the Repeat Calls for Service Report details locations with multiple calls for service over a specified time period, and commented that the report helps officers to resolve recurring issues and prevent repeat calls for service.

9. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Police Chief Arenal mentioned that the Police Department would be publishing an electronic Traffic Enforcement and Safety Report for the community and noted that the Board would have an opportunity to provide input on the report before it was made available to the community.

Police Chief Arenal responded to a question from the Board regarding community policing, commenting that the Police Department embraces a culture of community policing. He explained the changes within the department since he became Chief four years earlier and the evolution of the Community Services Unit.

Discussion ensued regarding the department's crime clearance rates, and Police Chief Arenal noted that he would provide the Board with a copy of the 2018 Uniform Crime Report when it became available, which contains clearance rates and crime trends for the year. In response to questions from the Board, Police Chief Arenal explained the notification process for recent prison releases and spoke about the Police Department's current task forces, including the following:

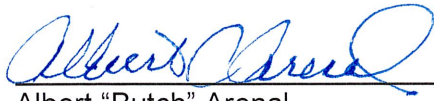
- three Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Task Force members;
- Multi-Agency Gang Task Force (MAGTF);
- Special Enforcement Team (SET);
- Child Abduction Response Team (CART); and
- Homeless Education Assistance Resource Team (HEART).

Chair Linville opened the floor for public comment. Mayor Sandra Welch thanked the Board Members for their service on the Board, and there were no further comments from the public.

Chair Linville suggested that there be a presentation regarding the School Resource Officer program at the next meeting.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.



Albert "Butch" Arenal
Police Chief

Transcribed by: Jaimie Korstjens



Date