

PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL

MINUTES TUESDAY,
MAY 24, 2016

11:30

JUSTICE BUILDING –
JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, 2ND FLOOR

MEETING CALLED BY	Beth Heckert
ATTENDEES	Beth Heckert, Bob Kleker, Dan Penland, Danny Jordan, Jodi Merritt, Joe Ferguson, John Stromberg, John Watson, John Wood, Lorenzo Mejia, Randy Sparacino, Rita Sullivan

- Beth Heckert opened the meeting at 11:35 am
- Opening Remarks: Beth Heckert welcomed everyone to the May PSCC meeting.
- Welcome John Wood with US Probation. John is a Community Resource Specialist and is here to learn and establish connections.

Agenda topics

MINUTE ADOPTION

DISCUSSION	
There were not enough members present to form a quorum and adopt the minutes for February and April; will be added to the next meeting agenda.	

MEDFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT-SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM

DISCUSSION	
<p>Officer Chris Bryant gave a presentation on the Medford Police School Resource Officer (SRO) Program. The SRO program began in 1996 with one officer assigned to the Medford School District 549c. The program has evolved over the years and now consists of four Officers and two Community Services Officers (CSO). The Officers are assigned to the Medford High Schools, Middle Schools and provide a presence at the Elementary Schools as well. Officers are also available to local charter schools, private schools, churches and daycares.</p> <p>The SRO's provide a clear and visible deterrent to crime within the schools. They help establish relationships with schools, parents and students. The CSO's, who help with the SRO Program, assist in monitoring neighborhoods for kids that are not where they should be, school games and graduations. Officer Bryant expressed there is a very small percentage of students that are in need of their attention however, they develop relationships and establish rapport with as many students as they can in order to assist them in making good decisions.</p> <p>Officer Bryant expressed that it takes a special person to be an SRO, there must be a clear desire to work with kids. Assignment to this program is through an application process through the Department. Additional jurisdictions are increasing their SRO Programs, an example was Central Point Police Department that currently has two SRO's assigned to School District 6.</p> <p>Chief Sparacino identified Medford as having the largest SRO program in Oregon however, it is also the lowest funded by the school district. The Chief expressed that the Medford City Council receives ongoing annual reports from the Department and has expressed an appreciation for the efforts of this program.</p>	

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

DISCUSSION	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Beth Heckert reminded the committee that next month there will be a tour of the new DA building.• July and August meetings are cancelled and the committee will resume in September.• Please let Beth, Bob or Jodi know of any new programs or topics that you would like to see in upcoming meetings.	

Next Scheduled PSCC Meeting: June 28, 2016 Meeting Adjourned: 12:50 pm
