

Town of Long Beach
Police Advisory Commission Meeting
July 3, 2013

Commissioners present: Bob Angelo, Val Sliwa, Bob Schaefer, Acting Chief Marshal Todd Bullis

- I. Todd Bullis presented the Commission with items that are needed by the police department.
 - a. The camera system in Todd's vehicle is inoperable and needs to be replaced. The estimated cost is \$5,100. He is going to check with the County to see if they have any funds that could be provided toward the camera. Since he needs the camera ASAP, he asked the commission to recommend approval to the Town Council to purchase it. The commission voted unanimously to recommend this to the Council.
 - b. The department is in need of an additional Taser which costs \$1,429 and includes a holster. The commission unanimously approved recommending the purchase to the Council.
 - c. The department is in need of clothing in the amount of \$2,000. Apparently there is money in the department's budget that has been allocated for other items which are not needed at this time, so Todd asked the commission to recommend the council to approve the expense from other budgeted department items. The commission unanimously approved.
- II. Todd mentioned that he will be looking into the ordinance covering home alarm systems. There are a number of homes with alarm systems that have "key holders" who live away from the Town. If an emergency arises and the police or fire need to enter a home, they call the "key holder"; however, that person is not readily available. This is a great concern. Todd will check with other police departments to see what they do about the problem.
- III. Todd mentioned that residents have been calling Council members directly regarding police department business rather than calling the department. The information becomes "second hand". He urges Council members to have the residents call the department directly.
- IV. Todd reported that there are numerous items that people are leaving at the Stops on Town property all summer long: chairs, coolers, water craft, etc. He is concerned because people will complain that their item has been stolen, used or moved. He suggested that the Council look into the matter to see if they want to take any action relative to an ordinance.

- V. Bob Schaefer informed the commission that he has received calls/emails regarding the use of the ATV's on the beach. Some complained that the officers are driving too fast; others complain that they are driving over private property. Todd explained that the officers are not driving that fast and are very watchful of children and adults as they patrol. He also indicated that they try to drive at the water's edge. He strongly feels that the ATV's are a deterrent to underage drinking and illegal activities.
- VI. Bob Schaefer brought up the 30 rental ordinance because he is reviewing it to see if it has any merit. He explained that all of the issues that people have with the short term rentals, such as, noise, litter and parking are already covered by existing ordinances. In addition, the enforcement of the ordinance is difficult because the people may be the home owner, family relative or friend using the home. He asked Todd if the officers had any problems with short term renters. Todd estimated that there are 20-25 homes that are assumed to be renting their homes for less than 30 days. Officer Schooley was present at the meeting and indicated that he had only one encounter with one of these homes regarding noise and parking. Councilman Byvoets who serves on the Planning Commission was at the meeting at the request of Bob Schaefer because any action on this ordinance would have to first go to that commission for review.
- VII. Next meeting is August 7th at 8:30AM.