

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE AGENDA

*Law Enforcement *Prison *PAL Program *Fire Service

SPECIAL MEETING - 4:30 P.M.

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LOCATION OF MEETING:

**City of McFarland
401 W. Kern Ave
McFarland, CA 93250
City Hall Conference Room**

DATE/TIME:

May 12, 2022 @ 4:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

WELCOME:

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The meetings of the City Council and all municipal entities, commissions, and boards ("the City") are open to the public. At regularly scheduled meetings, members of the public may address the city on any item listed on the agenda, or on any non-listed matter over which the city has jurisdiction. At special or emergency meetings, members of the public may only address the city on items listed on the agenda. There is a time limitation of two minutes per person. For any item that is not on the agenda and within the jurisdiction or interest of the city, please come to the podium at this time. The Brown Act does not permit any action or discussion on items not listed on the agenda. If you wish to speak regarding a scheduled agenda item, please come to the podium when the item number and subject matter are announced, and the mayor opens Public Comment on the item. When recognized, please begin by providing your name and address for the record (optional). Anyone wishing to submit written information at the meeting needs to furnish ten (10) copies to the City Clerk in advance to allow for distribution to City Council, staff, and the media. Willful disruption of the meeting shall not be permitted. If the Mayor finds that there is in fact willful disruption of any City Council Meeting, he/she may order the disrupting parties out of the room and subsequently conduct the City's business without them present.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- Motion to Approve Public Safety Meeting Minutes of April 21, 2022.

GOAL SETTING:

- Help guide the department with staffing
- Help guide the department with law enforcement concerns

FOLLOW- UP:

- Speeding:
 - Enforcement be applied to the areas
 - School zones
 - Mast Ave
 - Pricing on new Radar gun
 - Pricing on radar trailer
 - New sgt with traffic enforcement experience taking the lead (Shankle)
- Follow-up on reported shooting near Browning Rd

COPS GRANT:

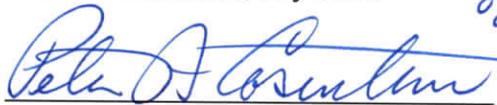
- Seek out new grant opps discussion
 - Accreditations (CALEA)
 - COPS projects
 - Other Opps

MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

Next meeting:

This is to certify this agenda was posted at McFarland City Hall on **May 11, 2022.**


Francisca Alvarado, City Clerk


Peter Cosentini, Assistant City Manager

Kenneth Williams, City Manager/ Chief of Police

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Public Safety minutes
April 21, 2022 3:30 pm

Call to order at 3:30 pm by city manager Kenny Williams

Roll call:

- Present: Saul Ayon, Ricardo Cano, Kenny Williams

Public comment: No public present

Discussion:

- Group agreed Goals and Objectives need to be established for the committee. General guidelines of goals were to support of the community issues of public safety
- Hiring of police staff was discussed. Recruitment is still in process for two dispatchers, one sergeant , one corporal, two SROs and one part time PAL officer.
- PAL program and neighborhood watch program has been started by a current CSO member.
- Fire Department activity report was handed out. No discussion
- Property room has improved however further improvements still needed
- Mr. Ayon said there was a reported shooting near Browning Road last week and he was told the police never responded. Chief to follow-up.
- Mr. Cano reported continued complaints about speeding on Mast Road. Chief to follow-up.

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 pm

Next meeting scheduled for May 11th at 4:30pm

BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION IN CALEA ACCREDITATION



INCREASED COMMUNITY ADVOCACY

Accreditation embodies the precepts of community-oriented policing. It creates a forum in which law enforcement agencies and citizens work together to prevent and control challenges confronting law enforcement and provides clear direction about community expectations.

"Citizens enjoy the fact that they are welcome to speak at any time. We've had some make suggestions on what we could do better. We've had others stand up and praise us for what we are doing in their communities or thank us for helping them out with a problem specific to their neighborhood."

— Sergeant Charles M. Vance, II,
Accreditation Manager Metropolitan Nashville (TN) Police Department

INTEGRITY

TRANSPARENCY

ACCOUNTABILITY

STAUNCH SUPPORT FROM GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS



Accreditation provides objective evidence of an agency's commitment to excellence in leadership, resource management, and service-delivery. Thus, government officials are more confident in the agency's ability to operate efficiently and meet community needs.

"Henrico County strives to provide its citizens with the best quality of life possible. Similarly, we want those who visit here to feel safe and free to enjoy all the County has to offer. The accreditation of our Police Division is one of the ways we measure the success of the County in achieving these objectives. It's a picture of professionalism that makes a statement."

— County Manager John Vithoukias,
CEO, County of Henrico, Virginia

STRONGER DEFENSE AGAINST CIVIL LAWSUITS



Accredited agencies are better able to defend themselves against civil lawsuits. Also, many agencies report a decline in legal actions against them, once they become accredited.

"Our dedication to adhere to the letter and spirit of the CALEA standards since 1986, saved the department from paying outrageous monetary damages to a convicted felon, turned plaintiff. This is just one more reason, the MCSO will continue to comply with the CALEA accreditation standards and encourage other agencies to follow in our footsteps."

— Sheriff Phil Plummer,
Montgomery County Sheriff,
Dayton, Ohio

REDUCED RISK AND LIABILITY EXPOSURE

Many agencies report a reduction in their liability insurance costs and/or reimbursement of accreditation fees.



"Everyone needs a map to know where they are going and CALEA will be our road map to success."

— Former Accreditation Manager
Cheri Pickard-Akselsen,
Johns Creek Police Department, Georgia

GREATER ACCOUNTABILITY WITHIN THE AGENCY



CALEA standards give the CEO a proven management system of written directives, sound training, clearly defined lines of authority, and routine reports that support decision-making and resource allocation.

"Prior to getting into the CALEA process we thought our general orders, policies and procedures provided proper guidance for our employees. Not so much as it turned out. CALEA brought us to the point of adhering to cutting edge contemporary best practices."

— Retired Chief James Craze,
Greenbelt Police Department,
Maryland

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