

PORTER POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES

February 11, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. Present were Chad Brooks, President; William Donley, Vice President; Linda Hodges, Commissioner; and Police Chief John Lane.

Linda Hodges made a motion to accept the January 14, 2004 minutes; William Donley, seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Chief Lane submitted the January monthly reports. Linda Hodges made a motion to accept the reports, William Donley, seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Linda Hodges requested keeping track of 921 calls and possibly reporting same to the telephone company.

Chief Lane reported attending a Chiefs of Police Seminar in Indianapolis last week. There was a trade show in conjunction with the seminar where he received the handouts he passed out. He discussed the Amber Alert System. The A Child Is Missing (ACIN) program new to Indiana using GEO basing maps alerting neighborhoods a child is missing. It could also be useful in wandering Alzheimers patients. This program is based in Florida and is used in Kentucky, Ohio, Georgia and Florida. Chief Lane will look further into this no cost program with funding coming from corporations and other grants.

Purdue Pharma is sending 20 copies listing various drugs that might be found in someone's possession. Linda Hodges asked Chief Lane to look into seeing if schools could have this information.

Also at the Trade Show was company called Cost Recovery Corporation. This new concept is when the department responds to accidents involving people who do not pay Porter taxes, the company bills the insurance company to recoup costs. Of the 161 accidents Chief Lane went through, 83% were from out of town. The commissioners agreed that this concept should be forwarded to the Town Council. Another recovery program to recoup costs for false alarms with a stronger town ordinance. One business in Porter had 28 false alarms in one quarter. The Commissioners agreed that Chief Lane should pursue this ordinance request for a penalty for false alarms with the Town Council. WAS SUGGESTED

Chief Lane also read a letter he had placed in Sgt. Joseph Torok's personnel file regarding help he gave to resident Marty Phillips when she had a utility problem.

General Order 1 was given to the Commissioners for review and will be put on next month's agenda.

Chief Lane recognized Sandy Booth, liaison from Town Council, who requested that numbers be placed on squad cars. After some discussion it was decided to think some more on this and to place it on next month's agenda.

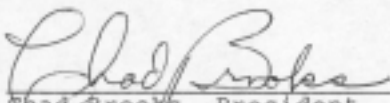
Under Old Business, the Explorer Post Program is ready to be sent to the Town Council and Attorney Hollenbeck. Regarding the costs of this program, Chief Lane will personally pay the Charter fee and the Commissioners will pay for the polo shirts. It's possible the Explorers might meet after the Police Commission meeting and possibly attend the meetings every once in a while. Linda Hodges made a motion to forward this to the Town Council; William Donley, seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

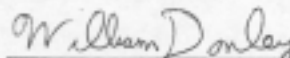
Under audience participation, Sandy Booth wanted clarification on how many people are in each shift. This varies depending on what is happening but 2-3 would be average. She also questioned that there is no contract between the vet and the animal control department. Regarding citations and warnings, Sandy Booth would like to see more citations given. After discussion, it was agreed that the police will step up citations to see what effect is accomplished. Sandy Booth and Chief Lane will work to get an ordinance prepared for Porter Town Council regarding false alarms from security systems. Also, Sandy Booth would like a ride around with an officer which was offered to her and the Commissioners.

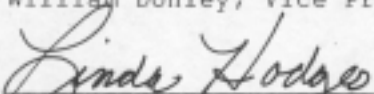
Edgar Miller also thanked the police department for their recent concern for his well-being.

Meeting adjourned 6:25 p.m.

Minutes approved this 10 day of March, 2004


Chad Brooks, President


William Donley, Vice President


Linda Hodges, Commissioner