

**LELY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
NAPLES, FLORIDA
Minutes of the Board of Supervisors Workshop
March 18, 2015**

A workshop of the Supervisors of Lely Community Development District was held on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at the LCDD Maintenance Building.

SUPERVISORS PRESENT: Robert Fisher, Chairman
Gerry Campkin, Vice-Chairman
Harold Ousley, Treasurer
Kenneth Drum, Secretary
William Lee, Public Relations

ALSO PRESENT: W. Neil Dorrill, Dorrill Management Group, Manager and
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer
Kevin Carter, Dorrill Management Group
David Bryant, District Counsel
Jerry Ellis, Operations Manager
Sheriff Rambosk, Sergeant Mulholland, and
Corporal Sylee Gibson, Collier County Sheriff's Office

PUBLIC SAFETY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

Sheriff Rambosk spoke to the Board, advising them that although they do not have all the crime statistics in for this year, it has been busier than the previous year, with huge numbers of people visiting as well as the seasonal residents. However, year-to-date the overall crime numbers are down from the previous year.

The number one crime continues to be thefts from unlocked cars, and public awareness of this is an ongoing effort on the part of the Sheriff's Department.

Traffic is the biggest issue this year, and accidents are up 10 percent, with the primary cause being distracted driving with phone use, texting, eating and so on. Although texting is now prohibited by law, it continues to be a problem. The push is for no use of the hands other than to drive the car, and many states have made this a law.

Traffic fatalities are trending down, and the main causes of fatalities continue to be speed and not wearing a seat belt.

This year aggressive driving is being targeted and low visual marked enforcement vehicles will go after aggressive drivers. This is an ongoing problem, with this year many signs of impatient and discourteous drivers being noted.

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It is not anticipated that this problem will change anytime soon, as the economy is better and construction is up, which brings more people to the area. The Sheriff's Department is looking out five years as far as growth and Department needs are concerned, and with their fiscal responsibility over the past several years, they have saved the County over \$120,000,000 while still providing many excellent programs for the community.

A body camera program is being piloted and equipment replacement needs are going to be requested for the budget. Additionally, the members of the Sheriff's Department have not had a raise in five years, and that will be built into the budget as well. Housing costs are high, and it is difficult to recruit young men and women to live and work in this county.

Relative to crime, one of the biggest issues the Department is working on this year is identify theft. A task force has been created to help combat this problem, and 20 presentations have been put on in the last 12 months to advise residents of what can be done to prevent this. Identify theft is going to be considered the number one crime in the future, with 12.6 million victims a year at the present time, and between 21 and 50 billion dollars a year taken out of the economy due to this crime.

What people can do to protect themselves includes getting a locking mailbox, protecting their Social Security Number and ID overall, and being aware of scams that occur on a regular basis, with multilayer security and passwords in computers.

IRS tax returns in a person's name done online and data breaches in larger stores, such as Wal-Mart and Home Depot, are the two largest areas where identity theft is occurring.

The Sheriff's Office has information available for anyone who requests it, and the Federal Trade Commission is also providing information on line.

The average amount of time it takes to rectify an identity theft with banks, credit card companies and credit reports is 900 hours.

911 Emergency Dispatch protocol is being upgraded, and multiple dispatches can now be sent automatically which reduces the response time.

Sheriff Rambosk was asked about a situation occurring in Lely where between 6:30 and 7:00 on weekday mornings some students from the high school travel from 60 to 70 miles an hour on Lely Resort Boulevard. It was suggested that a motorcycle policeman be stationed there to cite these drivers as it is a dangerous problem. The Sheriff indicated

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that this will be done, and added that the motorcycle suggestion was a good one.

Mr. Drum noted that there was a situation in Lely Island Estates where cars come through going to Burger King and Publix. With the construction going on, the proposal for the new road is that everyone will turn right onto US 41, and then make a u-turn to head back east. This will help in some respects, but will also channel traffic through the neighborhoods to avoid going out onto 41, and that is where many of the violations take place.

Sheriff Rambosk indicated that whenever the Collier County Transportation Department makes a change in traffic flow, most of the time the Sheriff's Office is advised that it is going to happen so they can work together to help it go smoothly. He advised Mr. Drum that they will contact the Transportation Department and ask if they have looked at what the impact of that change will do, and what the Sheriff's Office can do to when it is implemented.

Another issue was raised with the break in the median that exists before the light, and it was suggested that traffic may back up to turn around there and cause a possible accident with a careless u-turn. The Sheriff agreed that this needed to be addressed. Other residents indicated that they also have concerns about their neighborhoods being used by drivers wanting to avoid US 41.

Mr. Dorrill thanked the Sheriff for his Department's work during the past year in helping to reduce the amount of home invasions in the area. Sheriff Rambosk spoke to the home invasions, where Collier County detectives tracked the potential suspects to Orlando and with the Orange County Sheriff's Office arrested five suspects, who are still being held without bond in jail. Many items of stolen property have been recovered, and there is a very strong case against them. They were found to be Immokalee residents.

A resident asked if there had been any robberies in The Majors, and Sheriff Rambosk indicated that he could not specifically tell her that.

Sergeant Mulholland of the Sheriff's Office then spoke to those present, noting that his patrol area encompassed the Lely CDD. The biggest issue right now is construction, as thousands of new units and multiple restaurants are going into the area. In 2014, their Office received over 110,000 calls for service with 55 people patrolling that area.

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As the Sheriff had previously pointed out, it is hard to find affordable housing in the area, and therefore had to get qualified young men and women to come to Naples to work. There are over 50 communities in the area that have requested additional patrols, Lely being one of them. He also spoke about the speed cart that gives an average low and average high speed, and noted as well that they have to prioritize where patrolmen and women will be on a daily basis. He indicated, however, that they would monitor the student speeders on Lely Resort Boulevard in the future, although not on a daily basis. The biggest problem in Lely is construction thefts, which is a felony, and can encompass anything from a hammer to an appliance taken out of an unfinished dwelling. Sergeant Mulholland credited Sheriff Rambosk for his handling of the budget, with the amount of programs being offered in the community, he has managed to do it with less money for several years.

The highest accident location in the County according to the Sergeant is Pine Ridge and Airport Road, and a pilot program addressing these intersections is in progress now. The red light cameras were taken out as a result of a policy decision by the County Commission, but Sergeant Mulholland still feels that it changed driving behavior, as from that perspective, when the cameras were there and the signs were up, more people were observed stopping or slowing down at intersections before proceeding.

The Sheriff and Sergeant Mulholland were thanked for their attendance, and Corporal Gibson offered handouts to those present to take with them.

A five minute break was taken.

