

**LELY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
NAPLES, FLORIDA
Minutes of the Board of Supervisors Workshop
March 16, 2016**

A workshop of the Supervisors of Lely Community Development District was held on Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at 1 p.m. at the LCDD Maintenance Building.

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

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
Lieutenant Jay Mulholland
Operations Chief Jim Bloom
Corporal Sylee Gibson

PUBLIC SAFETY/LAW ENFORCEMENT

Lt. Jay Mulholland and Chief of Operations Jim Bloom were in attendance, and Chief Bloom gave a general overview of the agency in the community and what has been occurring since their last visit to Lely.

Traffic has begun to ease slightly as the part time residents return North. Traffic is the biggest complaint in Collier County, and traffic congestion is a fact that people live with in Naples, and it cannot be fixed by the Sheriff's Department. Of greater concern to the Sheriff's Department is the speeding, red light running and road rage occurring in the County.

At this point Corporal Sylee Gibson entered the meeting.

Chief Bloom noted that one of the best ways to handle this traffic is to leave 10 to 15 minutes earlier to get to a destination. As the infrastructure to handle the traffic has been built out west of US 951, the Sheriff's Office often works with the County, doing studies on the different areas, and added that it is their job to make sure that the roadways are safe.

Chief Bloom indicated that Collier County is a very safe place, and is one of the fastest

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growing communities in the country. When asked if the break-ins that occurred a few years back with people coming over from the other coast were still happening, and Chief Bloom indicated that this continued to be one of the biggest crime issues they face. The local intelligence group works closely with the group in Miami, and these thieves are tracked as closely as possible, and pressure is kept on them.

The lieutenants are responsible to select what are called the hunters, who usually work night shifts and are out looking for the worst offenders related to burglaries and robberies. These handpicked men and women wear plain clothes, drive unmarked cars and are very professional in their work. They are out on the street every day and they know who the people are that they are looking for.

Crime is once again down 3.1 percent, and Chief Bloom noted that they were very proud of this statistic which they hope they can maintain. There is a need for more deputies, but the cost of homes and rentals is so high in the County that it is difficult to find men and women who can afford these costs on a salary of \$49,000 if they join the Collier County Sheriff's Department with some experience.

It is the goal of the Sheriff's Department to have one deputy assigned to each zone within the District, and Lt. Mulholland works hard to maintain the assignments presently in place. These deputies are liaisons between the zones and the Sheriff's Office,

There are many youth programs in place that help keep youth crime down. One of the biggest problems is car burglaries, which is primarily a crime committed by juveniles. In 82 percent of these burglaries the cars were not locked, and those present were reminded how important it is to lock your vehicle when you are not in it.

Many youth programs were started by former Sheriff Hunter, and Sheriff Rambosk is even more involved with and concerned about the youth, and those programs have grown since he took office. There are deputies in all the middle and high schools, and one in every 2.5 elementary schools, and the Youth Relations Division is considered very important and has a budget of 7.5 million dollars yearly. There are many summertime programs offered as well, and over 41,000 children participated in the summer programs offered by the Sheriff's Office the previous year. Approximately 1,500 children are treated to a day at the fair with lunch during the Collier County Fair, which also helps to build trust and relationships between the youth of the County and the Sheriff's Office.

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Lt. Mulholland then addressed the Board regarding activity within District 3, which includes the Lely CDD. Sixty-six deputies are allocated to this approximately 170 square mile area, and although more could be used, they are making it work. The growth in this East Naples area has been tremendous, and there are presently 52,000 residential units within the District, not including apartments. There are 11,000 additional units that have been approved for building at this point as well.

With that growth, infrastructure will also grow, and FP&L will be expanding their facilities, and there has also been some commercial. The expansion of the intersection of 951 and 41 has been a tremendous help with traffic.

Lely Resort itself is surrounded by growth, which brings in the construction industry and all the attendant service related industries, and even as an open community, its crime rate has not increased. In this District, the crime rate is the lowest it has ever been, and is lower than any year since 1972. The previous October there were three burglaries, and the A Team was put on the problem and tracked it down to three high school boys. Crimes involving drugs often include theft as well, and can also lead to infighting among the drug sellers in different areas.

One of the big concerns in Lely is the speeding, and that is being addressed when manpower is available. Some of the main speeding areas are being monitored as much as possible.

A traffic count report was done at US 41 and Lely Resort Boulevard, which indicated that there was no need for a light. As it is dangerous to try to attempt a left hand turn there, those turns are no longer allowed. This is causing many people to use Lely Island Estates as a shortcut to many businesses, stores and restaurants. This issue has been discussed with the Sheriff, and while people cannot be stopped from using the roadway, the speed limit can be enforced.

The chief engineer for traffic operations at the County has been contacted by the Sheriff's Office as well. They did the road count in February on Lely Island Circle, and the mandate requires that they do a second count during the same time frame, which would be February of 2017. The Sheriff's Office did their own count, and the previous day 2,700 cars went through the area that is most affected.

The Sheriff is pushing safety, and he feels that an awareness campaign must be done from within Lely as over two-thirds of that traffic is from residents within Lely.

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All the HOAs should be contacted and asked to use the main roadways rather than the shortcuts.

Mr. Drum spoke as the president of Lely Island Estates, noting that a resident of that neighborhood had done his own count on traffic and it was similar to the Sheriff's, at approximately 100 cars an hour. The County has called it interconnectivity, where a driver can go from one neighborhood to another without having to use the arterial streets. Unfortunately, Lely is being overloaded, and it presents a danger with the narrow streets, which are beginning to wear out as well. He noted that a stop light would help solve this issue, but no one wants to pay for it.

Mr. Drum suggested that if Lely Island Circle was made a one way street, the traffic would be diminished by half. He added that they appreciated the enforcement that is being done in that area, as the speeding and lack of concern for bikers, joggers, grandchildren and pets is a real concern. The County staff has advised Mr. Drum that this is not their problem, and the Sheriff is the one who should be handling this.

Residents in attendance commented on the extreme traffic and the fact that the Lely roadways are narrow. The president of Tiger Island Estates also commented that traffic has increased quite a bit in their neighborhood as well. As more shops are being built, more traffic is expected to come through, and there is a need for change.

The Sheriff's Office responded to 1,500 calls in Lely the previous year, most of them being alarms or medical calls. There are a number of unverified 911 calls that are made in error.

Mr. Bryant expressed concern about the number of non-violent offenders that the Federal Government is releasing from prisons, and whether the Sheriff's Office is keeping track of them. He was assured that the Sheriff's Office contacts these people once they are out on the street, and also their Criminal Intelligence Division has an ongoing bulletin of offenders who have been released. In this way they can make sure that these offenders have registered so they Sheriff's Office knows where they are staying. Juvenile offenders are also monitored in this way.

Additionally in this County there are 20 deputies who are trained under Federal Authority on Immigration and Customs. Everyone who is brought into the jail facility is asked a number of questions, and if the criteria is met, an investigation is done to determine if someone is in the country legally or illegally. If someone is an illegal alien, they are

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handed over to Immigration and Customs who then determines deportation. Only one out of every six illegal aliens is deported by the Federal Government.

In conclusion, it was pointed out that Naples is one of the highest destinations in this country for high profile individuals, and the Sheriff's Office is taxed with their safety. With the training that this Sheriff's Department has, it is considered one of the finest in the country.

Mr. Dorrill acknowledged this, and expressed appreciation for the fact that three of the Department's top enforcement people would spend this time at Lely speaking to the Board and residents.

A brief recess was then taken.

