

**LELY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
NAPLES, FLORIDA
Board of Supervisors Workshop
MARCH 21, 2018**

A workshop of the Supervisors of Lely Community Development District was held on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at the LCDD Maintenance Building.

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

ALSO PRESENT: W. Neil Dorrill, Dorrill Management Group, Manager and
Assistant Secretary
Kevin Carter, Dorrill Management
Sheriff Kevin Rambosk
Lieutenant Jay Mulholland
Corporal Sylee Gibson

WORKSHOP: Law Enforcement

The Board members were advised that there is one person per zone in the County who deals with community problems, and Corporal Sylee Gibson has been with the Lely zone for a very long time as their liaison, while Lieutenant Mulholland is the head of District 3, within which Lely falls.

Sheriff Rambosk updated the Board on the recent happenings in the area, indicating that there has been a 2.5 percent reduction in crime, thanks to the excellent work of the deputies, which will be the lowest crime rate since 1971. The actual number of crimes is also down, which means fewer victims. This is significant when you look at all the growth and impacts within the County. The Sheriff complemented the Department work force and the partnerships with the different communities, such as Lely.

The projections over the next ten, twenty to thirty years show a challenging situation as it

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relates to growth, and logistically it will be the challenge to handle the car traffic and to ensure that the Sheriff Deputies and the Emergency and Fire responders can reach residents as quickly as possible when they are needed. Flights into the International Airport in Fort Myers are up significantly, people moving to the area are up, and visitors to the County is well over a million individuals for the year thus far, with almost 200,000 visiting in January, February and March. Sheriff Rambosk also noted that as more and more people are staying and building the people in these service industries no longer get much of a break.

The Sheriff's Department is working with developers throughout the County in an effort to reduce potential impacts, although not all the developers listen to what they are told. Accidents are up by about 10 percent over the previous year, which is due to the sheer number of cars coupled with distracted driving, such as texting. The law has changed to allow the deputies to stop and cite people who are texting while driving, but the Sheriff feels that the law needs to be changed to hands free, which would allow no electronic devices while driving. Mr. Campkin added that electronics are so advanced in cars now with screens on the dashboard, and people are forever taking their eyes off the road.

The Department continues to work on their communications plan, implementing their closest response, and the City of Naples is now on board. They are working on the glitches that need to be addressed, working as well on the ASAP to PSAP responses, where a call with all the pertinent information is sent to the appropriate responder digitally for dispatch. A quality assurance program is also in place to see how long it takes the responder to arrive and is checked on a regular basis.

This program is working very well so far, and the Sheriff is partnering with a local company to help locate the GPS location of cell phones. While this is still in the process of being worked out, when the company is ready to go on line, they will do a public information notice on it. If someone is on their company's system, a person's location will be provided in the event of an emergency. Every vendor has been mandated to provide this service in the future.

The Sheriff's Office has ramped up their traffic enforcement program, and more people have been added to the unit. They are writing tickets, and he urged everyone to drive carefully and slowly. Traffic fatalities are down for the second year in a row, which is significant, even though minor traffic accidents are up.

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One of the biggest things coming up now is school safety, which Collier County has had a strong program for in the past several years. The program has continued to be built during this time, and they have been working with the school system on mental and emotional health and referral pursuits. The legislature has just put a bill in place that gives law enforcement a little more authority to address these issues with young people who need help. The Sheriff will be going back to the County Commission to look at the total number of people they will need to cover all the schools in the County, as the law now requires a deputy in each school. Presently there are approximately 48 deputies assigned to schools, and they will probably need to have 30 more.

In the meantime, in light of recent school shootings, a significant number of deputies had been assigned back to the schools until spring break. During spring break they recalculated and they now have 15 more deputies who roam a variety of schools and assist those presently in place. They are also receiving a grant from a community organization that wants to contribute to overtime costs to cover the schools.

From a budgetary perspective, the Sheriff has asked the staff to do a line item review to see where money can be saved, so that they can apply that to these new school safety costs to lower the amount that they will have to ask for. They hope to get some money from the State and some Federal grants as well.

Sheriff Rambosk indicated that the paper had reported that threats had been received regarding the schools. Many of them were just photographs, but the new law gives the Sheriff's Department much more latitude to make arrests. He added that most of the kids in the County are great, but there are a few that either need help, which is provided to them, or they want some sort of attention or fame, and a few of them now have arrest records.

Mr. Dorrill then indicated that the Collier County Sheriff's Office and Publix Market were his two heroes of the hurricane event, and he wondered what the Sheriff took away from the hurricane this year. Additionally, after the alarm in the community about the brush fires, he asked the Sheriff to talk about the dual purpose helicopter their office now has.

Sheriff Rambosk noted that they are back in the wildfire season once again, and the Huey helicopter they purchased from the military has rescue capabilities, which enables them to pluck someone out of the Everglades or other areas if necessary. Additionally, they have been able to assist fire fighters in putting out fires, and three times recently they have dropped water

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on certain areas, with very successful results in helping to put out these fires.

As it relates to the hurricane, Sheriff Rambosk noted that the first thing they learned was that they do not have enough high wind rated buildings to secure the deputies who have to stay during the storm to work immediately afterward, and that includes fire and EMS personnel. The second item was the flood elevation parameters. Certain places had to be vacated that had wind resistance that could put residents in flooding danger.

The Sheriff's Office is refortifying many public safety buildings, and there is a tax bill for this work in place. Any buildings going up for this purpose from this time forward must be a Category 5 resistant building.

Sheriff Rambosk noted that he has lived in Naples for 40 years, and this is the first storm that has scared him. Even before the storm changed course and headed to the west coast, the Sheriff's Office was preparing for a Category 5 event. With as much damage as the area sustained, they were really fortunate as it could have been much, much worse. This storm has changed their approach, and from here on out they will look at every storm as a possible Category 5, and prepare for that event.

Mr. Campkin asked how the communications system held up during the storm, and was advised that during this storm cell service was lost, which made it very difficult.

Mr. Dorrill then thanked Sheriff Rambosk for his time, and Lt. Mulholland addressed those present, indicating that it has been a very good year for Lely as compared to the previous one, with only three major calls, including an attempted burglary, a stolen vehicle and a car break in. Traffic is a big concern for Lely, especially Lely Island Circle, and while they cannot stop the traffic flow, they are enforcing the rules of driving in that area as much as possible.

Crashes in Lely are down, but here has been a fatality. While speed was not a factor, there was a left turn in front of an approaching vehicle that caused this.

There have been 1,400 crashes in District 3, but 40 percent of them happened in parking lots, while 30 percent were rear ending the car in front of them at a low speed. While the number seems high, the biggest percentage of them involved those two situations.

District 3 was recently rezoned, and now includes 80 square miles, down from 180. This has enabled them to spend more time in the community.

Mr. Dorrill advised that one of the aggravating things they deal with in Lely is non residents fishing in the lakes. They have recently renewed their No Trespass Agreement with the Sheriff's Department, and he hoped that the East Naples Substation was aware of that as from time to

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time there is some confusion. The Lely Community Patrol people also carry a copy of that No Trespass Agreement, and they are able to head quite a bit of this off. It is a concern for the residents, as people who do not live at Lely are walking through rear yards. Lt. Mulholland noted that while people have been fishing in these lakes for years, the Lely Community has the say as to what can and cannot be done, and additionally, some people who say they are coming to fish are actually planning to break into homes.

A resident asked if crashes and crime goes up during the season, and was advised that while crashes do go up with so many extra people on the roads, crime seems to stay at the same level throughout the year. Crime does go up around construction sites, and in the past few years the Sheriff's Department has taken a very strict stand on people who have been convicted of past crimes, even minor ones.

Mr. Campkin noted that their monthly report shows that while many people are stopped for traffic infractions, most of them get a warning with only a small percentage of them being cited. Lt. Mulholland indicated that it is at the discretion of the patrol officer as to whether they give a verbal or written warning, or a citation, but District 3 is next in line for a traffic control push, which during the last detail 93 cars were stopped and 63 citations were written. This will include unmarked cars at Lely island Circle.

The Lieutenant was thanked for his attendance, and a short break was taken in the proceedings.

