



INDIAN RIVER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

MEMORANDUM

Sheriff Eric Flowers

Meeting Minutes

MEETING DATE: October 24, 2024

TIME SCHEDULED: 6:00 p.m.

STARTED: 6:00 p.m.

ENDED: 6:57 p.m.

LOCATION: County Administration Complex
1800 27th Street - Building B – Room # B1 501
Vero Beach, FL 32961

1. CALL TO ORDER:

- Chair Lieutenant Justin Knott called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

COMMITTEE Chair: Lieutenant Justin Knott

MEMBERS PRESENT: Member: Cindy Davenhall, Member: George Colon, Member: John Genovese,
Member: Christopher Bryant

3. OPENING:

- Chair Lieutenant Justin Knott called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Chair Lieutenant Justin Knott asked if there was a motion to approved the minutes. Member John Genovese motioned to approve the minutes and Member Cindy Davenhall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. OPENING AND WELCOME FROM LIEUTENANT JUSTIN KNOTT:

- Chair Lieutenant Justin Knott welcomed all members to the meeting.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

- Lt. Justin Knott asked if the committee had any questions regarding the pursuit case reviewed in July's meeting. There were no questions.

7. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Member John Genovese had concerns about traffic hazards and them not being cleared.
 - Lt. Justin Knott advised he would suggest passing this concern during shift briefings, with additional instruction that the deputies should remove observed traffic hazards – if safe and within their ability. If the deputy cannot remove the debris themselves; then they should request PSD to call road and bridge to have it moved.
 - Lt. Knott reminded the committee that citizens should call the Sheriff's Office non-emergency number or 9-11, if there is a traffic hazard.
- Lt. Justin Knott presented a review of a Citizen's Complaint case regarding a deputy and the development where the deputy lives. The HOA made a complaint that the deputy was parking his patrol vehicle on the road. One resident was not happy that the HOA could not do anything about this due to state regulations so the resident started making complaints to the Sheriff's Office about the deputy.
 - The deputy did a drive around his neighborhood one morning. In the driveway of the resident that had previously filed complaints against the deputy, the deputy observed a truck parked in the driveway with its doors open. The deputy believed the vehicle may have been subject to a burglary and the deputy walked up the driveway. Upon his approach he saw the property owner's son in the car. The resident's son made a complaint the deputy approached him to purposely harass him.
 - The investigation of the complaint determined that the deputy did not violate any policies and the case was unfounded.
- Lt. Knott asked what kind of cases the members would like to see going forward. The committee advised they would like to see cases regarding citizens complaints; both sustained and un-sustained, fentanyl arrests, overdoses, and assorted criminal cases.
- The members agreed they are happy with the direction of the committee.

8. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

- No public registered.

9. **ADJORNMENT:**

- Chair Lieutenant Justin Knott advised the next meeting will be held on January 23, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. With no further business, Chair Lieutenant Justin Knott adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.



Lieutenant Justin Knott
Chairman



Mrs. Taylor Barcus
Committee Administrative Assistant