

TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

Date: August 3, 2009

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Members Present: Bill Ferguson, *Acting Chairman*, Ken Heitzke, *Alternate*

Members Absent: George Williams

Town Staff Present: Tom Fultz, *Director of Administrative Services*; Brian Hulbert, *Staff Attorney*; Rene Phillips, *Website/Court Systems Administrator*; Vicki Pfannenschmidt, *Administrative Assistant*

Others Present: Sheriff P. J. Tanner, *BCSO*; Lieutenant Glenn Zanelotti, *BCSO*; Joe Croley, *Hilton Head Area Association of Realtors*; Arthur Benoit, *Chief of Security, Hilton Head Plantation*

Media Present: Daniel Brownstein, *Island Packet*

1. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. FOIA Compliance:

Public notification of this meeting has been published, posted and mailed in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act and the Town of Hilton Head Island requirements.

3. Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Heitzke moved to approve the Minutes of June 1, 2009. Mr. Ferguson seconded the motion. The Minutes of June 1, 2009 were approved 2-0.

4. Chairman's Report:

None.

5. Unfinished Business:

None.

6. New Business:

- **2nd Quarter 2009 Crime Statistics** – Lieutenant Glenn Zanelotti, BCSO

Crimes Against Persons

Lieutenant Zanelotti noted there was a 5.85% overall decrease in Crimes Against Persons. He noted assaults were down by 22 incidents in this quarter. The Lieutenant explained the category of assaults include all type of assault and battery which are assault and battery high and aggravated, assault and battery simple and regular assault. He also noted Criminal Sexual Conduct is down and Criminal Domestic Violence has increased but noted they are crimes of passion. Lieutenant Zanelotti explained of the two incidents of Criminal Domestic Violence High and Aggravated there were arrests made in both cases. He reviewed the caparison by areas noting the Spanish Wells Area and Mathews Drive area had increases in incidents but overall there were decreases in most areas. Lieutenant Zanelotti explained that in the Crimes

Against Persons Analysis section in the Crime Stats, these is just an overview of the highlighted areas where there is the most crime. All areas are not included in this analysis and do not reflect the total numbers.

Crimes Against Property

Lieutenant Zanelotti stated there was a 13.94% decrease in Crimes Against Property noting a significant decrease in Burglary, Petit Larceny and Auto Theft. He informed the Committee arrests have been made of persons that have contributed to the problems in the areas. He is hopeful the next quarter will reflect a decrease in incidents. Mr. Heitzke asked about the increase in the Port Royal area. Lieutenant Zanelotti said he would check in to it and have an explanation at the next meeting.

Vehicle Collisions

Lieutenant Zanelotti informed the Committee that Vehicle Collisions were down 26 incidents overall with a decrease of 6.72% for the quarter. He explained there were two fatalities during the second quarter of 2009. One collision occurred on William Hilton Parkway near Marina Side Drive when a pedestrian stepped in to the roadway and the other was a single vehicle collision and a passenger was thrown from the vehicle on Leg O Mutton Road. Mr. Ferguson asked if the passenger was wearing a seat belt. The Lieutenant stated the passenger was not wearing a seat belt.

Tickets

Lieutenant Zanelotti stated warning tickets are not reflected in the report. He also wanted the Committee to be aware the Patrol and Traffic Team figures need to be added together to compare to the 2008 figure.

Drug Violations

Lieutenant Zanelotti moved on to the Quarterly Drug Violations asking the Committee to review them.

7. Adjournment:

Mr. Heitzke moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Ferguson seconded the Motion. The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Vicki L. Pfannenschmidt, Secretary

Approved by:

Bill Ferguson, Acting Chairman