

Lawrence Citizen's Advisory Board Minutes – August 25, 2014

Members present: Nicole Rials
Baha Safadi
Laura Canelos-Ramon

Members absent: Robert Farha
Brian Goodack
Theresa Schwartz
Larry McElwain

Staff Present: Sergeant Trent McKinley

Members received the annual racial profiling report, as it was submitted to the State. It included a synopsis of a complaint received in March in which a motorist felt they were racially profiled by the officer. The Office of Professional Accountability investigated the complaint and, at the conclusion of the investigation, determined the disposition was “unfounded”. Safadi requested additional details as to how the investigation was completed as well as information on previous citation data for the officer involved. Sgt. McKinley advised the information would be gathered and prepared for the next board meeting.

Members were provided a status update of a racial profiling complaint filed directly with the Kansas Attorney General's Office earlier in the year. The board was advised the Lawrence Police Department provided all information requested by the Attorney General's Office, in support of their investigation. According to the Attorney General's Office, the investigation is continuing.

Taser use for 2014 was discussed and summaries of each incident were provided.

Department updates were provided and the board was afforded time for questions. Members present discussed whether it was appropriate to potentially change the name of the board to more clearly reflect what the board's purpose was. The group mentioned the importance to have everyone in attendance for the next meeting to discuss that possibility.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 10th, 2014 at 7:00pm at the Investigations and Training Center, 4820 Bob Billings Parkway.

Adjourn