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A.C.T.I.O.N. Task Force
Kerr McGee Community Center Meeting Rooms
April 17, 2018
4:00 pm

Minutes

Committee Members: Vice Mayor Eddie Thomas, Council Member Lindsey Stephens, Chief of Police Jed McLaughlin

Recording Secretary: Lori Blowers, Administrative Secretary

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. by Vice Mayor Eddie Thomas.

INTRODUCTIONS: Introductions were made by everyone present at the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: There was a motion from Vice Mayor Eddie Thomas to approve the agenda, second by Chief Jed McLaughlin. All in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: There was a motion from Vice Mayor Eddie Thomas to approve the minutes, second by Council Member Lindsey Stephens. All in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Kandi Smith from Family Resource Center has seven 3 in 1 car seats available through 6/30/18. Ms. Smith is now certified for parenting classes. The Nurturing Parenting Class is court ordered and will begin on 6/1/18 at 825 N. Downs St. Ste. A, Ridgecrest. Sometime in June a parenting class for 5 – 10 year old out of control behaviors will be offered to everyone in the community.

UPDATES ON STRATEGY/ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

1. School Reports

Officer Franco is back as the Resource Officer for the high schools. Main issues at the high schools have been fighting. However, the fight stats are down. Last school year at this time there was 60 fights and this year so far is 49. There has been 58 trancies this school year. Before citations are issued, the School Resource Officers are making a list to work on compliance with the students. If a student doesn't have a compliance contract, the officers will make home visits. Juvenile substance abuse arrests are slightly higher this school year. The schools consequences are harsher than the police departments, due to suspensions and expulsion. Marijuana hasn't had much increase. Due to the nationwide school incidents, Burroughs automatically goes into lock down mode now if fire alarm is set off, versus instant evacuation.

Officer Rinaldi is currently the Resource Officer for elementary and junior high schools. The majority of physical fights have been taking place in the high schools. School Resource Officers are working with the district on a fight policy, which includes a one warning policy. There has been a few issues at Murray Junior High School. A student defaced the restroom with feces. Another student that made threats went to Juvenile Hall. A reporting party called in a teenage adult that was dropping kids off on campus and had a gun, which was a B/B gun. He was located

and arrested. A special needs Inyokern resident was arrested for threatening to kill a group of students by nicotine poisoning.

2. **Neighborhood Watch**

Andy Pudgorski – Graffiti hasn't had much activity and everything has been cleaned up. Six sites have recently been cleaned. La Mirage had a N.W. meeting in March and Andy is waiting for follow up. P.A.C.T. has had a couple of new volunteers sign up. There is an upcoming meeting with Rotary Club to discuss the P.A.C.T. program.

3. **Teen Court**

Theresa Cook has resigned and her last day is May 1st. The new Teen Court Coordinator is Cynthia Miranda. Officer Tucker is signed up as a new judge. Reserve Officer's Micah Lloyd & Kenny Merzlak are judges/officers. Code Enforcement Fred Booth is also a judge. There has been 22 completions this year. Everyone has been very well behaved in the court room and everything is running smoothly.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS –

- **Next meeting: September 18, 2018, 4:00 p.m. at Kerr McGee Center**
- **Council member Lindsey Stephens – Increase participation and possible change of location. Is ACTION classified as a committee?**

ADJOURNMENT – The official meeting was adjourned by Vice Mayor Eddie Thomas at 5:14 p.m.