



**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE TOWN OF CAREFREE  
PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 03, 2021

WHERE: VIA ZOOM \*

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

*Members of the Public Safety Advisory Committee participated by technological or methods pursuant to §A.R.S. 38-431(4).*

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chairperson - Leslie Hine

Sheila Amoroso

Peter Burns

Scott Peterson

Kim Taha

Jerry Wetta

Anton Wilke

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Vice Chairperson - Philip Henn

Chairperson Hine opened the meeting at 1:30 pm.

**AGENDA ITEM #1 Approval of the Public Safety Advisory Committee meeting minutes dated October 20, 2021.**

Committee Member Wetta **MOVED TO APPROVE** the minutes of the Public Safety Advisory Committee meeting dated October 20, 2021. **SECONDED** by Committee Member Wilke. **CARRIED** unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM #2 Presentation by Maricopa County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) and discussion regarding diversity of law enforcement services and associated costs to the Town.**

Town Administrator Neiss introduced Maricopa County Sheriff's Department, Captain Brandimarte and Chief Dougherty.

Chief Brandimarte presented via PowerPoint, The Maricopa County Sheriff's Office Town of Carefree Staffing and Service Level Report. Mr. Brandimarte outlined MCSO full time staffing requirements for both Carefree alone as well as District IV, which consists of Carefree, Cave Creek, rural communities of Desert Hills, New River and Anthem. Explaining, the numbers provided are the basis that is applied to how the contracts are interpreted and how each contract with every municipality that MCSO works for is interpreted. Mr. Brandimarte detailed what the Town of Carefree MCSO staffing contract calls for and the logistics thereof. Explaining that the part of the contract that makes the Town of Carefree contract unique is, from October 1st to March 31st the Town pays for an additional 91 hours of contracted law enforcement service hours per week, specifically for traffic enforcement. Mr. Brandimarte pointed out that even though the Town of Carefree pays for .3 of a beat, the Town has access to an entire patrol squad during a work shift.

Captain Brandimarte listed the value-added services (no additional cost):

- Homicide
- Child Crimes
- Special victims Unit
- Arson
- Forensics Unit
- Communications/Dispatch
- K9/SWAT/Aviation
- Search and Rescue
- Posse
- P-3 tips software

Mr. Brandimarte responded to the following questions:

**Should the contract for MCSO service be recalibrated to increase traffic enforcement and neighborhood patrols?**

*There is statistical data that in reviewing the trends, perhaps COVID related, most of the overall crime statistics are down. Captain Brandimarte explained what the Town of Carefree has are quality of life issues; many false alarms, welfare checks etc. which makes it hard to quantify as it takes a Deputy away from what may be considered higher priority.*

**What would a sufficient level of service be? Future growth?**

*The downtown core of Carefree is looking to open the Hampton Inn soon, this will bring more activity to the shops, restaurants, and businesses. Until this comes to fruition, Captain Brandimarte doesn't see this being an impact and doesn't feel the need to increase MCSO service within the Town.*

**Can technology, such as photo radar, be used to refocus on neighborhood patrols?**

*Absolutely, photo radar is about as close as you can get to a bias free traffic enforcement program as the machine determines whether there has been a speeding violation. Photo radar also frees up a traffic Deputy to be available for other patrol activities which would benefit the Town. Captain Brandimarte recommended the use of a portable photo radar unit that can be moved day to day or weekly/bi-weekly so that it changes the driving behaviors in specific areas. If MCSO is given the green light to implement photo radar, Captain Brandimarte would like to see that process start, looking at the benefits to MCSO as well as the community of Carefree down the road, i.e., how does the photo radar data compare with what Deputy Sheriffs do, "apples to apples" so to speak.*

**Will MCSO support the use of such technology?**

*Yes, MCSO is here to carry out the will of the Community.*

**AGENDA ITEM #3 Discussion regarding future Committee's recommendations to Town Council**

Chairperson Hine presented via PowerPoint the Committee's *Working Draft in Progress Recommendation* to Town Council. The group worked collectively to provide input and revisions to working draft document #4 in preparation for presentation to Town Council.

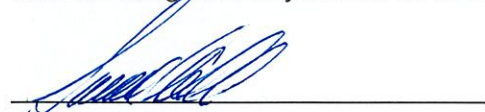
**AGENDA ITEM #4 Discussion regarding future considerations to include in a contract for services for fire and emergency services**

The Committee collaborated to consider language and negotiation points for future Fire Service and emergency contracts.

Town Administrator Neiss conveyed to the Committee, when these contracts are negotiated, the Town has a vested interest of each and every citizen of Carefree in mind and strives to negotiate the best price and the richest amount of service for the Carefree citizens.

**AGENDA ITEM #5 Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.



Samantha J. Gesell, CMC  
Planning Clerk