

RICHMOND POLICE COMMISSION

**Wednesday, March 6, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.
Employment & Training Building
330 – 25th Street
Conference Room 1**

MINUTES

I CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, PLEDGE

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Bea Roberson

ROLL CALL

Present: Nemy Bautista
Scott Gillespie
Felix Hunziker
Bea Roberson
Glenn Stephenson
Eleanor Thompson

Absent: Therese Barquet
Alejandro Navarro

Vacancies: One

Administrative Staff: Confidential Investigative & Appeals Officer - Vacant
Malia Glover, Executive Secretary I – Present

Council Liaison: Jael Myrick, Council Liaison – Present

City Attorney's Office Representative: Bruce Soublet, Assistant City Attorney – Present

II APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 6, 2013

Upon motion by **Commissioner Hunziker** and second by **Commissioner Bautista**, the minutes for the regular meeting of February 6, 2013, were approved as written.

Report of Council Liaison moved to Item VI

III REPORT OF CHIEF OF POLICE (Chris Magnus or his representative)

A. Report of recent activities, events, incidents, and related matters

Lt. Dave Harris reported for Chief Magnus. He gave an update on the Professional Standards Unit (PSU). He said that the PSU is staffed by one lieutenant and 2 sergeants. They conduct internal affairs (I/A) investigations, as well as conduct internal training for personnel in all areas of the department with regard to quality control of I/A investigations. In 2011, they began using a database program called I/A Pro to manage and track citizen and administrative cases. They are able to send cases out to other investigators in the department while maintaining the case files in the PSU through a pipeline known as Blue Team. Complaints are also uploaded through Blue Team. In 2012, there were 137 personnel complaints including 56 failures to appear in traffic court, 37 complaints from citizens and 44 that were internally initiated. Sgt. Walle is in charge of the I/A Pro Blue Team. They have a power point that they can share with the commission if interested. **Chair Roberson** said they would like to see it.

Commissioner Stephenson asked if the failure to appear complaints were initiated from a judge. **Lt. Harris** said they are initiated from the traffic court. He said most often, the officer is not in violation of the policy. They've actually either gone to court and there was a mistake by the clerk, or the officer had to attend another court, or they may be on vacation, or in training. Officers know that it's part of their duty to attend court.

Chair Roberson asked if less traffic tickets are written when officers know that they have to go to court. **Lt. Harris** said that in years past, that may have been true, but the policy has changed and now officers are required to go.

Commissioner Hunziker asked why the I/A Pro database tracks pursuits. **Lt. Harris** said that all pursuits are investigated by first line supervisors on the day of the event. CHP requires that they document pursuits.

IV REPORTS BY RICHMOND POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION, LATINO POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION, GUARDIANS OF JUSTICE

No representatives present.

V REPORT ON GUN TRACING (LT. TIRONA)

Lt. Tirona gave a detailed overview of crime gun tracing. He explained that firearm tracing is the systematic tracking of the movement of a firearm recovered by law enforcement to link a suspect to a firearm, to identify potential traffickers and to detect patterns in the sources and kinds of crime guns. The National Tracing Center conducts crime traces on firearms found at crime scenes for any law enforcement agency. If the gun is not found in their database, it is traced through the distribution chain to the first retail sale dealer. Routine traces take from 12 to 17 days. **Lt. Tirona** explained the scope and purpose of

RPD's Crime Gun Policy #313. He said that crime gun tracing can decrease gun related injuries, assaults and deaths by limiting the sources of illegal and legal guns in neighborhoods.

Commissioner Gillespie asked how many FFL (federal firearm licensee) dealers there were in Richmond. **Lt. Tirona** said he wasn't aware of any.

Chair Roberson asked if there was a database that will tell you who the owner of a gun is once you enter the serial number. **Lt. Tirona** said there was.

Commissioner Stephenson asked how long the dealer record of sale was kept. **Lt. Tirona** said that the FFL has to keep those records for the entire existence of his business.

Commissioner Hunziker asked what AFS was. **Lt. Tirona** said it was the Automated Firearms System that they use to track stolen guns, crime guns, or guns recovered by law enforcement.

Commissioner Bautista asked what happens to the guns that were used by officers in officer involved shootings. **Lt. Tirona** said that the gun is taken by the supervisor and taken to the crime lab where it is test fired and inspected. The officers are given replacement guns during the investigation and they get their own firearm back fairly quickly.

Commissioner Gillespie asked if there is a pattern to see where guns used in crimes in Richmond are coming from. **Lt. Tirona** said he didn't know. He said that he could find out.

Commissioner Stephenson asked how often the gun vault and property vault are inventoried. **Lt. Tirona** said he would have to find that out. He said they do a firearms destruction every two years.

Commissioner Hunziker asked if crimes in Richmond had been encountered where a gun owner's gun safe had been breached by burglars. **Lt. Tirona** said he has not experienced seeing a large, heavy-duty gun safe being broken into; he has seen small safes that had been broken into.

VI REPORT OF COUNCIL LIAISON JAEL MYRICK

Councilmember Myrick said that he looks forward to working with everyone on the commission. He said he spoke to the city manager about hiring an investigator. He was told that they are contracting with someone temporarily. He said they still need to find someone to work permanently. **Chair Roberson** reminded him that we are still short one commissioner. She told him that the commission would like him to report on things that would be of interest to them and things that they need to know. **Commissioner Hunziker** said that they would also like to hear a report on things that are going on in the city.

Councilmember Myrick said he will do his best. He reported on the closing of the tunnel in Pt. Richmond and BNSF railroad. He said the council was working on the call center

issue, trying to get the call center to come to Richmond. **Commissioner Hunziker** asked how long the call center would be in existence. **Councilmember Myrick** said it would be indefinitely. He said the state would pay for the first three years and after that it should be self-sustaining.

VII PUBLIC FORUM

There were no public speakers.

VIII PUBLIC OUTREACH

Chair Roberson said that they will start “Coffee with a Cop” soon. **Commissioner Hunziker** said that festivals will be coming up soon and they will need to order more outreach materials. **Chair Roberson** said that as soon as a new commissioner is appointed, a new picture will be taken for the police commission brochure.

Commissioner Thompson inquired about the election of a new chair. **Chair Roberson** said they will have the election in April.

IX REPORTS BY:

- **CHAIRPERSON**
- **COMMISSIONERS**
- **STAFF**

Chair Roberson

- 2 Ride-alongs
- Attended City Council meetings
- Attended RNCC meetings
- Attended CERT training
- Attended RPAL luncheon

Commissioner Thompson

- Attended City Council meetings
- Attended RPAL luncheon

Commissioner Stephenson

- Met with Det. Jackson, Sgt. Dickerson and the principal at Kennedy High to discuss how they can help at risk students. Also went to Richmond High to see if they would be interested in learning about the police commission.

Commissioner Bautista

- Attended one council meeting

Asst. City Attorney Bruce Soublet said that they will be hiring someone to handle the current backlog of complaints on an on-call/contract basis.

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X ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Bea Roberson, Chair