

Public Safety Focus Group



Below is the meeting summary for the third Public Safety Focus Group meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to select approximately three objectives for each goal established at the second meeting. All of the Focus Group information will be incorporated into the Community Strategic Plan document which will be considered by the Board of Supervisors later this year.

Meeting Date: 4/4/16

Recorder: Brian Clingenpeel

Meeting Location: South County Library

Number of Participants: 23

Number of Small Groups: 3

Host: Supervisor Jason Peters

Lead Staff: Steve Simon and Howard Hall

Staff Facilitators: Jimmy Chapman, Dustin Campbell, Travis Griffith, Eric Orange, Caitlin Gills

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Topics with Top Three Goals

Topic 1: Adequate Staffing to Meet Public Safety Needs

- Goal 1. A long range staffing plan to enhance current staffing model (includes culture, recruitment and retention, succession planning, and concerns of community)
- Goal 2. Educate public why more staffing is important
- Goal 3. Increase staffing to provide an officer in every county school

Topic 2: Community Focused Approach to Public Safety

- Goal 1. Promote volunteerism in public safety
- Goal 2. Character building in all elementary schools with all public safety groups
- Goal 3. Accreditation –Obtain/Maintain for Public Safety Agencies

Topic 3: Ensure Sufficient Infrastructure Capabilities for First Responders

- Goal 1. Fleet and Equipment Replacement and Maintenance
- Goal 2. Adequate facilities for public safety personnel
- Goal 3. Sufficient water supply anywhere in the county

Objective Development: All Objectives Discussed for Each Goal

Topic 1: Adequate Staffing to Meet Public Safety Needs

Goal 1. A long range staffing plan to enhance current staffing model (includes culture, recruitment and retention, succession planning, and concerns of community)

Objective 1: Increase personal property/real estate tax 2 cents plus, for public safety.

Objective 2: Study successful recruitment and retention for professional/volunteer public safety positions.

Objective 3: Long range staffing plans and feasibility study.

Objective 4: Streamline initial joining approval to bring them on board

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Objective 1: Educate why taxes would be raised and explain where it would be going.

Objective 2: Build a statistical model to share with the public.

Objective 3: More coordinated effort to involve public (community outreach, public safety academy, advertising, social media)

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Objective 1: Feasibility study to discover the needs at all school levels.

Objective 2: Increase funding for SRO training; make more widespread.

Objective 3: Volunteer or part-time program for SRO's i.e.: retired police

Objective 4: Stress positive outcomes

Topic 2: Community Focused Approach to Public Safety

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Objective 1: Use mass media

Objective 2: Promote benefits

Objective 3: Recruitment drives

Objective 4: Business partnerships

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Objective 1: Cooperation between public safety agencies to publicize already existing programs.

Objective 2: Partnership with schools

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Goal 3. Accreditation –Obtain/Maintain for Public Safety Agencies

Objective 1: Data studies

Objective 2: Maintain training, funding, certifications

Objective 3: Future planning

Topic 3: Ensure Sufficient Infrastructure Capabilities for First Responders

Goal 1. Fleet and Equipment Replacement and Maintenance

Objective 1: Review standard equipment for all public safety vehicles (ex. MDT, 4x4)

Objective 2: Feasibility study for Body Worn Camera program.

Objective 3: Evaluate ventilation needs at fire stations.

Objective 4: Study or cost comparison for alternative fuel sources

Goal 2. Adequate facilities for public safety personnel

Objective 1: Improve maintenance schedule for all buildings

Objective 2: Design/Consider future needs for public safety buildings

Objective 3: Feasibility study to develop a public safety multi-purpose substation

Goal 3. Sufficient water supply anywhere in the county

Objective 1: Identify sources for dry hydrants (rural areas) using database, CAD, GIS

Objective 2: Obtain funding – Identify sources: Water Authority, Forest Service

Objective 3: Conduct feasibility study to identify areas for water expansion needs

Objective Development: Group Consensus on Top Three Objectives for Each Goal

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