

**City of Menifee
Public Safety Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 29, 2009**

1. Call to order and Roll Call

Chairman Denver called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m. Present were: Chairman John Denver, Committee member Scott Mann, City Manager George Wentz, City Clerk Kathy Bennett, Police Captain James McElvain, Police Lt. Dan Feltenberger, and members of the SAFE Team as follows: John Adams, RSO; Investigator Topete, RSO; Salvador Gomez, probation; Joe Praster, State Parole; Steve Webber, State Parole; Scott Cantino, State Parole; Bruce Smith, RSO.

2. Public Comments

None.

3. Consideration of City Ordinance Regarding Discharge of Weapons in City Limits

Committee member Mann noted that he had received State code that appeared to be in conflict with the County ordinance. Following discussion it was determined that the City Attorney would do further research on the matter, including the distinction between a BB gun or pellet gun and the distance from property lines for firing the weapons.

The Committee members determined to continue to work with this issue at the Public Safety Committee level until all ordinance issues are finalized through research.

4. Tierra Shores Traffic Enforcement

City Manager Wentz reported that the request has been received from the HOA's board of directors, the signage has been changed to be according to Vehicle Code standards and the City officials will be checking to determine if it is sufficient, and this can now be sent to the City Attorney for an ordinance to enforce vehicle code inside the gated community. The committee referred the matter to the City Attorney for the ordinance preparation and the City Manager agreed to get the minutes of the HOA meeting where the item was discussed and agreement was reached to ask the City to enforce traffic inside the community. The City Manager reported that in his discussion with law enforcement there would not be additional costs to enforce the small community's streets.

5. 290 Registrants-Jessica's Law Consideration of City Regulations

Individuals from the SAFE Team introduced themselves to the Committee and explained their duties in regard to dealing with registered sex offenders explaining that they keep records on and track those offenders on parole using GPS technology. They explained the purpose of each department and the responsibilities.

Sgt. Bruce Smith reported that the failure rate of registration was previously in the teens and now is 5% or less. He noted that the registrants list is updated daily as needed and registrants are required to register annually on their birthday.

Committee members asked about more strict enforcement than is currently provided by Jessica's law. Through discussion it was learned that a case in supreme court is pending that will make a difference on how cities can enforce regulations of this type.

Discussion was held on the difference between a sex offender that has to register as a 290 registrant and one where there is less than a three year age difference and there is not a need to register.

It was reported that there are approximately 162 registered offenders in Menifee at this time. Not all of them are tracked by GPS as not all are on parole.

The Committee members agreed to postpone development of an ordinance on this matter to send to the City Council until a decision is reached on a relevant case at State Supreme Court.

6. Committee Members Comments

None further

7. City Manager Comments

City Manager Wentz updated the Council on his intent to modify the striping and medians on Newport near Haun to help with traffic flow and his desire to attempt to complete the work in the month of November. Committee member Mann asked if the work could be completed at night and the City Manager reported it could as there is no residential area to be affected by the noise of the roadwork.

City Manager Wentz also reported that the Newport Road realignment project could be going to the Board of Supervisors in November for consideration of completion.

8. Adjournment

Committee Chairman Denver adjourned the meeting at 5:02 p.m



Kathy Bennett, City Clerk