

OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

January 8, 2018 – 8:30 A.M.

NOVATO CITY HALL – WOMACK CONFERENCE ROOM

Chief Mike Norton called the meeting to order at 8:33 am. The following were in attendance: Undersheriff Mike Ridgway, Central Marin Police Chief Mike Norton, Novato Police Chief Adam McGill, CHP Captain Robert Mota, Task Force Assistant Commander Sergeant Brian Fay, Task Force Special Investigations Assistant Christine Wheeler, Corte Madera Town Manager Todd Cusimano, San Anselmo Town Manager Dave Donery, Board of Supervisor's Judy Arnold, Novato City Council Member Pat Eklund, public member Ed Schulze, public member Dan Falzon, and civilian Mark Dale.

Chief Norton opened the meeting with introductions.

Norton then presented approval of last meetings minutes. All present approved.

Sergeant Fay requested the approval to modify the current fiscal year's budget due to a rental increase. Ridgway explained that the original 5 year lease had expired and a new lease was negotiated that although was significantly higher than the original, was still below market value. Schulze motions to approve. All present approved.

Sergeant Fay reviewed several recent cases. Fay provided stats and seizure information as well. Arnold inquired about thoughts on San Rafael Police Department in regards to their status in the Task Force. Fay stated he could not speak for their Chief but felt strongly that the working relationship has been extremely positive. Schulze asked about the stance on marijuana with the new law changes taking affect. Fay responded that a discussion with the Marin County District Attorney's Office is pending and it will determine what action is taken. Eklund asked about the current Asset Forfeiture status. Fay referred her to the Annual Report Draft where those numbers were included.

Sergeant Fay provided a DRAFT copy of the Annual Report. Members were asked to review and send any revision requests to Christine Wheeler by the beginning of February.

Sergeant Fay informed the committee that a destruction purge was completed in December and all drug testing was complete; both in compliance with our policies. He spoke about the high volume of package seizure cases and the relevance the K9 "Beau" has had in relation to the success. Beau has also been used in jail searches, COPE searches, and is a valued asset to the team.

Sergeant Fay mentioned that Detective Ratliff has transferred back to Patrol and his replacement is Detective Trevor Strong.

Public comments were opened. Mark Dale mentioned the recent deaths of high school students within the county encouraging members to remain diligent in what we do.

Next meeting set for February 12th at 0830. Location Novato City Hall.

Meeting adjourned 08:57 a.m.