



**H. Additions or Deletions:** Morse asked Director Butler and staff to return to the Law Board in a couple of months with the Department's purchasing policy for discussion. She felt it would be beneficial for members of the Board to have a better understanding of the policy.

**I. Public Comment:** None.

**J. Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #17 Comments:** Brian Johnson, President, Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Lodge #17, had nothing to report for the month of February.

**K. Board Member Comments:** Morse expressed her appreciation to Director Butler for sharing with the Board news coverage about community concerns regarding Lawrence's sexual assault protocols in which he was referenced.

**L. Veterans of Foreign Wars Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award Presented to Officer Michael Wagenblast by Commander Daniel Watkins, VFW Post 1786:** Daniel Watkins, Commander, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 1786, presented Riley County Police Department Officer Michael Wagenblast with the VFW Officer of the Year Award. The award is presented to an officer who demonstrated professionalism under the most trying of circumstances, embodied patience when others would have walked away, and demonstrated humanity towards all. Watkins stated that the award symbolizes the great triumphs the honoree has received in the noblest of professions. It is merely a token of the collective enthusiasm for the dedicated self-sacrifice and desire that Officer Wagenblast has shown to make the town, city, county, state, and nation an ideal place to live and work.

**M. Award Presentation:**

a) Meritorious Service Award Presented to Detective Brian Johnson: Director Butler presented Detective Brian Johnson with a Meritorious Service Award in recognition of his outstanding contributions in securing the arrest, conviction, and sentencing of Steven Meredith in the murder of Carrie Alicia Jones. A full description of Detective Johnson's tireless work is impossible to share in order to protect the privacy and safety of other persons associated with the nearly two-year long investigation. It is enough for the purposes of this award to summarize the opinion of prosecutors with the Riley County Attorney's Office: absent Detective Johnson's diligence, attention to detail, and devotion to duty, a conviction in this case may not have been possible.

b) Commendation Award Presented to Detective Tanner Monroe: Director Butler presented Detective Tanner Monroe with a Commendation Award in recognition of his devotion to duty in the protection of a fellow law enforcement officer. On April 7, 2019, Detective Monroe assisted Butler County Sheriff's Deputy Jacob Lawrence with the apprehension a hostile suspect who had attempted to flee, and prevented potential injuries to both the deputy and the suspect. Detective Tanner Monroe displayed exemplary initiative during the incident while exposing himself to danger due to his lack of duty equipment at the time, and his actions were in keeping with the highest level of professionalism.

**N. STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grant:** Captain Hegarty explained that the Department has been working to change the way it deals with the investigation of sexual assault and the treatment of victims of sexual assault. Last September, the Department hired Victim Advocate Coordinator, Melissa Mosher. A month following, the Department implemented a policy to address adult sexual assault investigation. Presently, the Department is working with partner agencies to institutionalize within the RCPD the use of the policy.

Captain Hegarty stated that the grant from the Department of Justice (DOJ) Violence Against Women Act is designed to institutionalize a new mindset within the entire community. As stated in the grant, the RCPD desires to use the Stop Violence Against Women Act Grant opportunity to instill a comprehensive environment which practices trauma-based communication at all levels of law enforcement and overall victim-centered service delivery within the Manhattan community. The Department hopes to accomplish this through training on trauma-informed communication.

Captain Hegarty said that when it comes to victims of trauma, particularly violent trauma, there is a certain way to communicate more effectively. There is a certain way to interview and care for victims that are more effective. Most importantly, for law enforcement purposes, there are certain answers that a victim who has suffered trauma will give that will tell investigators that they are in fact telling the truth, even though they do not have a prosecutable case. He said that it is hoped that they will not only increase the number of successful prosecutions, but also the community's care of these victims and survivors.

Captain Hegarty went on to state that the Department would like to use the grant to invite law enforcement from the area, including RCPD's patrol officers, detectives, sergeants and lieutenants, and participants from the Kansas State University Police Department, Riley County Attorney's Office, select community-based advocates serving victims of sexual assault, The Crisis Center, Kansas State University's Care Office, Via Christi's Sexual Assault Nurse Program, Sunflower CASA, Pawnee Mental Health, and the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division stationed at Fort Riley to attend training on trauma-informed investigations/communication. The training will be highly beneficial as an introduction to the entire compliment of RCPD's sworn officers on the neurological effects of trauma on victim's responses as well as acquiring efficient trauma compassionate communication skills during interactions and investigations with victims. In addition, it would provide a multidisciplinary opportunity for community-based partners working with sexual assault victims to relay an explanation of their unique role within the victims healing process.

Captain Hegarty remarked that the RCPD has been awarded the grant; however, the specifics in terms of funds have yet to be determined. The grant total was \$12,000, of which the RCPD has a certain match. They are still working out the exact budget with the state. He added that there is an instructor that the RCPD would like to use, which is a critical part of the multi-step process to change the mindset and environment of how victims of sexual assault are viewed, how their cases are investigated, and how they are cared for as a community after.

Captain Hegarty stated that the RCPD has been approved for the grant and continues to work to with the DOJ to obtain an exact budget figure. Given that the grant requires a match (approximately \$3,000-\$4,000) it is being brought before the Law Board for approval.

Morse expressed her appreciation to the RCPD for pursuing the grant opportunity.

Butler agreed that it is a great program. He was not sure if the RCPD should pursue the most expensive instructor, especially if his rate is so high that the state does not want to pay it. Hopefully the RCPD can find an instructor just as good that doesn't cost as much.

Captain Hegarty responded that many consultants simply charge a fee and from that, they cover all of their expenses. The instructor that the RCPD would like to consider does the same, which makes his hourly rate exceed that which one would normally find. The federal government has certain guidelines and the RCPD is going to do its best to meet those or find an equally suitable alternative.

Ward moved to accept the grant and authorize up to \$4,000 in matching funds. Morse seconded the motion. Chairman Rodriguez polled the Board and the motion passed with Butler, Morse, Rodriguez, Ward, and Wilkerson voting in favor, and no one voting against. The motion passed 5-0.

**O. Regional Officer Involved Shooting Investigation Team Memorandum of Understanding:** Director Butler explained that work toward establishing a regional officer involved shooting investigation team began prior to his appointment to the RCPD, but mirrors a similar team that exists in Jonson County, and involves having several different departments agree to serve each other whenever there is an officer involved shooting. Rather than rely on a single law enforcement agency like the Kansas Bureau of Investigation to investigate an officer involved shooting, there would be several different departments between Manhattan and Kansas City that would agree to supply trained investigators to conduct the investigation. The goal is to have people who are experienced and trained in these types of situations conduct the investigation and provide transparency from an outside set of eyes. The agencies have to think about the impact a shooting internally has on employees, sworn and civilian, and the trauma they might experience after something like that happens. For the reasons previously stated, there is a need to have someone who is not a part of the organization conduct the investigation.

Director Butler stated that during initial discussions, there were 9 agencies interested in becoming members of the regional team. He believes there remains some interest, but for various reasons, some agencies have not been able to proceed at this time. The agencies that have agreed to be a part of the team are ready to sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) now so that the resource is in place. As the other agencies get their issues resolved then they can join the MOU later. If the latter occurs, he will return to the Law Board to provide an update. Those agencies currently ready to proceed are the RCPD, Topeka Police Department, Shawnee County Sheriff's Office, Wyandotte County Sheriff's Office, and the Kansas Highway Patrol. There are a few other departments in between Manhattan and Kansas City, Kansas that are in the process, they are just not quite there yet.

Director Butler noted that the MOU has been reviewed by legal counsel who gave his approval for the RCPD to proceed with entering into the agreement with the other agencies. The MOU does not require a vote by the Law Board.

**P. RCPD Firearms Range Planning Update:** Captain Kyle briefed the Board on progress made toward the development of the new RCPD shooting range. He stated that a collaborative request for qualifications was sent out by County and the RCPD to search for a vendor to build the range. Total

Range Solutions (TRS) is working on the site plan which is important because it will help the Department move forward with public discussions concerning the use of the property as a firearms range. The County has agreed to pay for the targets that will be located on the fixed qualification range, and the RCPD will pay for the targets to be situated on the practical course.

Presently, RCPD training staff is in the Kansas City area viewing a recently constructed range. The purpose of the site visit is to see what was recently done, and what appears to be working or not working. It is hoped that the RCPD can learn some lessons from the work of others.

**Q. Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Council Update:** Assistant Director Moldrup said that the Flint Hills Crisis Intervention Team Council recently completed their first year as a formal council. Having served in that capacity for a year, they qualify to be recognized by the Kansas CIT Association as an official CIT council and will be listed on their website.

Assistant Director Moldrup added that the RCPD completed the requirements for the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) One Mind Campaign. The One Mind Campaign seeks to ensure successful interactions between police officers and persons affected by mental illness. The RCPD is 1 of 499 agencies in the country that have taken the pledge. In Kansas, the RCPD is 1 of 12 that have taken the pledge, and 1 of 4 that have actually completed the pledge. He added that the RCPD is listed on the IACP website as one of the agencies that have taken the pledge.

Assistant Director Moldrup commented that the RCPD continues to train and certify employees on the CIT principals and will be hosting CIT training in Manhattan April 20-24, 2020. It is a week-long certification course that will provide a more economical way to certify RCPD officers and area agencies that wish to receive CIT training.

**R. Fake Patty's Day:** Assistant Director Moldrup informed the Board that the Aggieville Business Association (ABA) and Aggieville businesses have pushed Fake Patty's Day 2020 from February 29<sup>th</sup> to March 21<sup>st</sup>. Traditionally Fake Patty's Day is the Sunday before Kansas State's spring break. Although it is a social event not totally within the control of the ABA, businesses are making every effort to put an emphasis on the March 21<sup>st</sup> date. The RCPD will have additional officers working February 29<sup>th</sup> due to the Kansas State vs. University of Kansas basketball game. However, they will not be doing a full blown response as in past years. Preparations continue for the March 21<sup>st</sup> Fake Patty's Day event and will be similar to what has been done in years past.

Butler praised the coordination between the RCPD, Emergency Medical Services, and Manhattan Fire Department in planning for the event. He stated that the method in which the event has been handled over the past 5-6 years has been quite impressive. The plan that the RCPD has put in place has really benefited the community. When people say that the event costs money, it really does not, especially when figuring in the taxes that come in.

**S. Schedule Budget Workshops:** Director Butler stated that RCPD staff will provide the initial 2021 budget proposal to the Law Board at the regularly scheduled March meeting. Last year, staff used a vastly different format when presenting the budget and Special Law Board Meetings were held to further budget development. The Law Board was very pleased with the process. As it stands now, he does not believe there will be anything complicated or comprehensive that will be a part of the

2021 RCPD budget proposal. Therefore, he does not recommend scheduling any special budget meetings. However, following the regularly scheduled meeting in March, should the Board wish to schedule special meetings that can certainly be arranged.

Butler said that he did not have any issues with the format in which the budget was presented to the Law Board last year. He worked very closely with then Law Board Chairman Mike Dodson because the RCPD budget impacts the budget for the City. He said that he likes predictable budgeting. It is also important that the RCPD budget gets done early because it does have an impact on the City and County.

**T. Executive Session:** At 12:45 p.m. Wilkerson moved to recess into Executive Session until 1:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel matters. Butler seconded the motion. Chairman Rodriguez polled the Board and the motion passed with Butler, Morse, Rodriguez, Ward, and Wilkerson voting in favor, and no one voting against. The motion passed 5-0.

At 1:00 p.m. the open meeting reconvened.

At 1:00 p.m. Wilkerson moved to return to Executive Session until 1:25 p.m. for the purpose of discussing attorney client privilege. Morse seconded the motion. Chairman Rodriguez polled the Board and the motion passed with Butler, Morse, Rodriguez, Ward, and Wilkerson voting in favor, and no one voting against. The motion passed 5-0.

At 1:25 p.m. the open meeting reconvened.

**U. Affirmation or Revocation of Discipline:** Wilkerson moved to affirm the director's disciplinary actions. Butler seconded the motion. Chairman Rodriguez polled the Board and the motion passed with Butler, Morse, Rodriguez, Ward, and Wilkerson voting in favor, and no one voting against. The motion passed 5-0.

**V. Adjournment:** Wilkerson moved to adjourn the meeting. Morse seconded the motion. Chairman Rodriguez polled the Board and the motion passed with Butler, Morse, Rodriguez, Ward, and Wilkerson voting in favor, and no one voting against. The motion passed 5-0. The February 18, 2020 Law Board Meeting adjourned at 1:26 p.m.