

RESOLUTION 00-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL ESTABLISHING AN AD HOC CITIZENS COMMUNITY POLICING STUDY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the City of Ridgecrest prides itself in its tradition of providing a safe and enriching environment for all City residents; and

WHEREAS, every community profits from periodic self-assessment to ensure that important community values and standards are maintained and advanced; and

WHEREAS, police services are an important component of maintaining and reinforcing community values and standards; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Ridgecrest City Council to review City Police services provided to City residents; and

WHEREAS, the City Council values the opinions and advice of community residents regarding all City matters.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Ridgecrest City Council that:

1. An Ad Hoc Citizens Community Policing Study Committee is hereby established to study community policing within the City of Ridgecrest, and
2. The Committee shall consist of five City residents, each nominated by a Council member and appointed by the Mayor with advice and consent of the City Council, and
3. The Specific charge of the Committee is to:
 - Within one month of appointment, present a calendar to the City Council, identifying committee work product milestones and a targeted completion date.
 - Study community policing within the City of Ridgecrest and identify any community needs unmet by current policing practices.
 - Make recommendations based on findings of current or anticipated unmet needs.
 - Recommend a method of continuing community dialog to ensure community policing continues to reflect the values and standards of the City of Ridgecrest.
 - Survey other General Law California cities of comparable size to determine existing methods used to ensure compatibility of policing practices with community needs, values and standards.
 - Review documents and materials available in City Hall relating to citizen review of police actions including City Council and Council Committee meeting minutes, reports and recommendations, and points of law and legal opinions concerning the establishment of citizen review boards in general law cities.

- Make a final report to the City Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Citizens Ad Hoc Community Study Committee shall operate as follows:

- The Committee shall appoint a Chair and Vice Chair to act in the Chair's absence.
- The Committee shall appoint a secretary from its membership to keep a record of general subject matter discussed at all meetings and of specific needs, changes, and recommendations identified by the Committee.
- The Committee shall schedule training by the Chief of Police, or his designee, on the current practices and procedures of the Ridgecrest Police Department.
- All meetings of the Committee shall be posted and open to the public.
- The City Administrator or his designee shall provide information and assistance as requested by the Committee, within the parameters of law.
- The final Committee shall provide its report to the City Administrator no later than seven (7) calendar days prior to the meeting in which the final report will be presented to the City Council so that it may be included in the City Council meeting agenda packet.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that it will be at the discretion of the City Council that after receiving the Ad Hoc Citizens Community Policing Study Committee's report whether to continue the Committee or to disband the Committee.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of March, 2000, by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Darnell, Council Members Carter, Holloway, Morgan, and Rollins

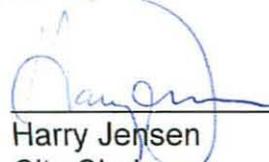
NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None


Donna Darnell, Mayor

ATTEST:



Harry Jensen
City Clerk