

MINUTES
LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE
December 11, 2007

The STARRS Law Enforcement Committee met on Tuesday, December 11, 2007 at the Patrol Support Headquarters for SLMPD.

Present at the meeting were: Capt. Kurt Frisz, Sgt. Greg Newhouse, PO JT Ackermann, Sgt. Mike McFarland, PO Mike Wuellner, Sgt. Bill Roche, Sgt. Ron Reeves, Capt. Ron Arnherth, Lt. Scott Schumer, Lt. Dominic Lauko, Sgt. George Mokrickow, Lt. Darla Gray, Eric Hammonds, Lt. Robert Cooney, Col. Reggie Harris and Chief Don Strom.

Old Business

Eric Hammonds provided an update on the status of the Helicopter Project. He reported that before the helicopter can be ordered, all funded projects must submit line item budgets to be forwarded to SEMA for final approval. The LE Committee is the only committee to have completed the work thus far. Eric noted that STARRS staff is researching whether we can go ahead and order the helicopter while we await final approval. Capt. Frisz reported the helicopter could take up to a year to build.

Hammonds reported that the digital x-ray systems for bomb units have been ordered and are expected to arrive at any time. This project was previously approved for funding.

Lt. Lauko and Capt. Frisz reported on the status of the Tactical Surveillance Robot and the Eyeball Cameras which were previously reviewed by the Committee. Neither project was funded in the 07 Grant Cycle because the LE Committee agreed to move forward only the Helicopter Project. (See New Business)

Hammonds provided an update on the Universal ID Project. 20 capture stations have been made operational and data is being collected, however there is still considerable work to be done in obtaining all emergency services worker info.

New Business

Hammonds provided an update on the 08 Grant Cycle. The RFP's have not been sent out yet and the full grant process has yet to be revealed. It is possible the documents may be sent out in January.

The Committee reviewed the Tactical Surveillance Robot and Eyeball Camera projects and agreed to seek possible funding for these projects through "washout" funding from prior grant cycles. Additionally, members were advised to forward to Chief Strom any other projects for "washout" consideration and he would forward to the Committee by e-mail for consideration/approval.

Sgt. McFarland presented information regarding a blast mitigation system and a larger platform robot. In summary, the collective bomb units felt the region would be best

served by the larger platform robot (particularly when responding to vehicle borne IED's) and the blast mitigation units would be of more limited value. It was agreed that Sgt. McFarland would schedule a demo of the unit with the vendor and Committee members would be invited. This project would then be among those under consideration by the Committee for 08 funding.

The Committee also agreed that the Tactical Surveillance Robot and Eyeball Cameras could be considered for 08 funding if we were unsuccessful in the "washout" process.

Finally, Chief Strom announced that Capt. Frisz had agreed to lead a work group of regional tactical units to better identify: collaboration efforts; joint training opportunities; equipment standards/needs; legal or mutual aid obstacles; etc. The work group would work to ensure we have identified the needs of law enforcement in coordinating a regional response by tactical units to a critical incident. The plan would then be considered by the Committee in assisting us to identify project priorities.