



**7 July 2020**

**Annual Report To City Council for June 2019 / June 2020**

- 1. Ordinance requires an annual report to the City Council of the activities of the Tupelo Citizens Police Advisory Board**
- 2. Report is for June 2019 thru June 2020. Completed Third Year on 27 June 2020**
- 3. As you will recall we spent the first year in existence primarily conducting training (in addition to those members who were enrolled and completed the Citizens Police Academy) to ensure that all of the members of the board were up to speed. Deputy Chief Allan Gilbert was in charge of all of the training conducted and as I mentioned last year, it was outstanding and we all gained a great deal from his knowledge and leadership.**

- 4. All members of the Board have now completed the Citizens Police Academy with the exception of our newest member Mike Stegall who is enrolled in the current Academy Class. Having completed the Academy, along with the understanding of the TPD existing Policies and Procedures gives each Board Member a wealth of knowledge in which to use to answer questions from the Public now that they have a better understanding of the law and TPD.**
- 5. To date we have not had any formal request from a Citizen utilizing our policy to address the board.**
- 6. Once our training on Policies and Procedures for the TPD was completed we began to emphasize and push the involvement of the Board Members in their various wards with community associations and other organizations where they can be present to make these organizations aware of the Advisory Board, answer questions and if necessary refer individuals to the appropriate person at the TPD. These efforts have been the majority of our activity for our Third Year.**
- 7. The Power Point Presentation I developed continues to be used to introduce the Tupelo Citizen's Police Advisory Board and each Board Member has a copy to use as they deem appropriate.**

**8. Collectively we have attended practically every neighborhood association meeting in the city in the last twelve months. In addition, several of us have attended other meetings such as the Council review session on TPD Policies, and have found these beneficial. All comments received from citizens regarding the police department have been addressed with the Chief and Deputy Chiefs in our meetings and appropriate action has been taken in all instances. Most of the comments are regarding traffic violations, such as speeding, running stop signs, etc. Such things as extra patrols have been provided where deemed appropriate by the Command Staff to remedy these problems. In addition, the members of the Board have been utilizing the “Chief’s Monthly Report” to the board that covers all of the statistics for the previous month to better inform the citizens at their local meetings. Many are amazed at the activity and had no idea of what the officers experienced each day and over the course of a month. With the city broken down into 8 zones and only one patrol officer assigned to each zone (with a backup, a supervisor, and the Shift Commander), it is amazing what these offices get accomplished in a days-time. This report also includes the activities of the other departments such as narcotics, CID, Special Operations, Animal Control, EOD, etc., who are also available for backup to the patrol division.**

- 9. The community involvement type efforts will continue to be our focus in the years to come. With the help of Lt White, the TPD COP Coordinator, we will be able to continue to make ourselves known and hopefully continue to receive constructive feedback to pass on to the Chief and Deputy Chiefs to improve what is already an outstanding Police Department.**
- 10. With the reappointment of Ron Richardson and myself, we will have had eight of our members reappointed for their second term following our planned succession policy. We are still one Mayoral appointed member short on our board but the Mayor assures me that he is working on finding a suitable individual to fill his appointed vacant slot. I understand that Tom Hewitt has moved out of the City but my attempts to contact him to verify this move have been futile. If he has moved the that will create another board vacancy for Mike Bryan to appoint a new board member.**
- 11. I requested to step down as Chair at the end of my first term but remain as a board member as I am a firm believer in sharing the responsibility of leadership. However, at the request of the Mayor, COO, and Chief, I was asked to remain as Chair for a while longer and I agreed to do so with the understanding that a new Chair will be appointed in the future.**

**Respectfully submitted:**

**Bill Allen  
Chair  
Citizens Police Advisory Board**