



Board Members Newsletter

Upcoming Grant Requests

During the Covid-19 pandemic the Agency's activity was primarily focused on keeping the Town and our Police Officers safe on a day-to-day basis.

Now, as things are improving and starting to come back to normal, Chief Smith has been reviewing his needs and is now prepared to ask the Foundation to help fund several new items.

Officers have noticed a significant increase in the number of undocumented individuals coming into Town. Whether they are just undocumented, hiding out from law enforcement, or having mental issues, the one common denominator is that they can be problematic.

With this in mind, Chief Smith will soon forward to the Foundation for consideration a request for a *"Rapid ID Evolution Finger Scanner."* This handheld device will allow Officer in the field to take a fingerprint of the individual and then, through the device's integrated smartphone, transmit the fingerprint directly to the FBI's Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) database to determine who the individual is, and whether he or she has outstanding warrants.

Chief Smith is currently awaiting a quote for this item (currently available on State bid) and will forward the request to us soon. The anticipated price is under \$6,000. When the Grant request is received I would urge us to approve it as quickly as possible.

Another item that the Chief will soon be asking us to fund is the transition of a currently unmarked police vehicle into a marked vehicle. The vehicle will then be assigned to the Police Volunteers. The Chief is seeing immense value in having an increased number of Volunteers patrolling the Town, both in their "observe and report" function and their "community policing" role. Unfortunately, the current volunteer vehicle is small and not very suitable for patrol. The Grant request for this transition is anticipated to be under \$3,000.

There are a few other items that the Chief is anticipating submitting to us for consideration and as soon as I have more details on those I will keep you advised.

Meet and Greet - Mark the Date!

As Jack Luther has recently advised, we have been seeking an opportunity for our Foundation Board Members and our Juno Beach Police personnel to come together and meet one another.

With the help of Chief Smith, we have looked at several options and dates and finally decided that a Meet and Greet dinner at **Seasons52 on Ellison Wilson Road** provides us the best opportunity for that gathering. The venue is available, and Jack has booked it for **Tuesday, March 1st from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM**

This will be an opportunity for us to meet the member of the Police Department and show our appreciation for the challenging work that they do in protecting our Town. I know that they are very appreciative of the Equipment, In-Service Training and Technology that we continue to provide for them and that they would each like to meet the Foundation Board members who help make that possible.

Jack is currently working with the restaurant to put together a menu and will get that out to each of us to select from in the very near future.

Investigation results in donation!

Recently, Detective Ryan Hoffmann has been working a theft of service case to a resident of a Juno Beach condo building. That case has ended quite successfully, and the victim has written a check to the Police Foundation for \$2,500 in appreciation of the efforts by our Police Department in bringing a solution to the case.

We will highlight (with the victim's permission) more of the details of the case in our upcoming February Foundation newsletter.

Foundation Annual Meeting

I have tentatively scheduled the Annual Meeting of the Juno Beach Police Foundation (as required by law) for **Tuesday, April 19, 2022, @ 3:00 PM** - the same date as our 2021 meeting. I am reaching out to Police Chaplain Denmark-McGee for the use of the **Ocean View United Methodist Church** Hall once again this year, as we did in 2021.

Please mark this date/time on your calendars. As soon as I can confirm with the Chaplain, I will let you know.

Annual Campaign

Our Annual Campaign began on December 10, 2021, and continues into January and February 2022. To date we have recorded \$21,185. This

compares well to last year's donation amount for the same period and therefore I am confident that we will exceed last year's total donation amount.

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