

Organized Retail Crime (ORC) Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes – March 9, 2017

Attendees:

Duane Cole, Kroger

Dave Cammenga, Meijer

William Hallan, Michigan Retailer's Assoc.

Richard LeBlanc, Westland City Clerk

John Mulvaney, Attorney General's Office

John Schuler, Target

Capt. Chris Stolicker, MSP

Insp. John Card, MSP

Sgt. Tim Fitzgerald

D/F/Lt. James Grady, MSP

Tami Risner, MSP

Approve December 15, 2016 Meeting Minutes

The ORC Advisory Board meeting minutes of December 15, 2016 were reviewed and approved as written. Richard LeBlanc abstained.

Legislative Update

Sergeant Fitzgerald reported that the legislature is considering a new retail related bill. Senator Hansen, D/F/Lt. James Grady, Bill Hallan, and John Schuler will meet to discuss details related to the retail bill.

He also reported that a pawn shop bill is being discussed and would be sponsored by Senator Kowall. There was discussion about details related to the bill and the need to allow second hand stores to be exempt from the pawn shop bill.

New Business

ORC Advisory Board Meeting:

There was discussion about meeting productivity, possible future speakers, identifying trends, and topics of interest. Captain Stolicker asked that ideas and requests be sent to Tami Risner.

ORC Advisory Board Appointment Terms:

The group discussed appointment terms. D/F/Lieutenant Grady looked up the information and confirmed that appointees to the ORC Advisory Board are on four year terms, which expire March 30, 2017. It was suggested that those requesting reappointment send a letter to the Governor. Captain Stolicker reported that we will inform the Governor's office.

Website Update:

The organized retail crime website is complete. There was discussion about costs for database access, maintenance, security patches, etc. It was suggested that we form an association with an elected board of directors to handle the different aspects of communication and meeting planning; and have another branch of advisors, i.e., this board, that would have a voting power. John Schuler has obtained bylaws from other ORCs and will have the MRA legal team review them for reference in drafting our own ORC Advisory Board bylaws. All members of the board are willing to help in the establishment of the association.

Roundtable

Roundtable discussion, case updates, and current issues were shared by all. D/F/Lieutenant Grady reminded the group that the bridge card fraud teams will take on ORC cases as well.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Next ORC Advisory Board Mtg. Date

The next ORC Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 8, 2017, at 2:30 p.m. in the Trooper of the Year conference room at MSP HQ.