

Organized Retail Crime (ORC) Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes – June 8, 2017

Attendees:

Duane Cole, Kroger
Dennis Dixon, Toys R Us
Katrina Gohil, Lowes
Doug Lloyd, Eaton County Prosecutor
Rod Maynard, Lowes
John Mulvaney, Attorney General's Office
Ryan Themm, Meijer
John Schuler, Target

Lt. Col. Tom Sands, MSP
Capt. Chris Stolicker, MSP
Insp. John Card, MSP
Sgt. Tim Fitzgerald, MSP
D/F/Lt. James Grady, MSP
Tami Risner, MSP

Approve March 9, 2017 Meeting Minutes

The ORC Advisory Board meeting minutes of March 9, 2017 were reviewed. Mr. Doug Lloyd moved to approve the minutes as written; D/F/Lt. James Grady seconded the motion. Approved by all, the motion carried.

Legislative Update

Sergeant Fitzgerald handed out copies of a substitute for Senate Bill 44, regarding organized retail crime. He reported that this bill will be taken up in the fall. The substitute language has been out since our last meeting, and so far there is no indication of opposition. Sergeant Fitzgerald asked everyone to review the substitute bill and let him know if there is any concern or suggested change to the language. There was discussion.

The group discussed the future creation of a pawn shop bill.

ORC 2016 Report

There was discussion about putting an article in the Michigan Retailer to keep the work of the ORC in the forefront. D/F/Lieutenant Grady suggested putting an article about the ORC Conference.

- ✓ Lieutenant Grady will prepare an article to go in the Michigan Retailer magazine.

ORC Advisory Board Appointments

Lt. Colonel Sands reported that the new board appointments have not yet been posted to the website. He announced that the Warren Chief of Police, Comm. Jere Green, has stepped down from the board. Lt. Colonel Sands asked members of the board for suggestions to fill that position; a Director of Public Safety or Chief of Police. D/F/Lt. James Grady reported that the Canton Assistant Chief of Police has expressed an interest in sitting on the ORC Advisory Board.

Objectives/Goals for 2017-2018

The house bill that established the ORC Advisory Board was reviewed. One of the main functions of the board is to recommend actions to be taken by the Department of State Police to further combat organized retail crime. There was discussion about the goals and objectives of the ORC Advisory Board for the FY2017-2018. One of the top priorities for the year is to educate the police agencies who are working these types of investigations. Educational opportunities were discussed; including, giving informational presentations at the different detective agencies, offering online training for users of the database, and identify who is using the database and reach out to the agencies who are currently not using the database. There was discussion about the groups that would benefit from an informational presentation from the ORC Advisory Board. There was discussion.

The group identified the following four goals:

- 1) Develop by-laws for MiROC
- 2) Establish a non-profit
- 3) Conduct an educational conference
- 4) Enforcement initiative

Lt. Colonel Sands proposed a motion to approve the above four goals for the ORC Advisory Board for 2018. Mr. Doug Lloyd moved the motion; D/F/Lt. James Grady seconded the motion. All approved.

Date change for the next ORC Advisory Board meeting

The board discussed changing the next ORC Advisory Board meeting date from September 14, 2017, to September 21, 2017, due to some scheduling conflicts.

D/F/Lt. James Grady moved the motion to approve changing the next meeting date to September 21, 2017; Mr. Doug Lloyd seconded the motion. All approved.

Roundtable

Roundtable discussion, case updates, and current issues were shared by all.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.