

Ann Clark

From: Joe Testerman
Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 11:35 AM
To: Ann Clark
Subject: Commissioner Meeting
Attachments: Joe Testerman Calendar.ics

Ann,

I am requesting to come before the board to discuss issues with our take home county vehicle policy. As you know we are on-call after hours 365 days a year 24 hours per day for emergency calls. We do have an on-call schedule and a primary on-call person all the time, but there are calls that we encounter that requires more Animal Control Officers responding. There are times that the on-call person is out sick and someone else has to cover. As you look at our on-call schedule you can see that 2 people cover one week and those 2 employees will drive their county vehicle home that week. The third person has been parking their vehicle either at the Office or at their home. There are also times the on-call person and the secondary person are out or sick and the third person does not have a county vehicle at home. This presents a problem.

In the past Animal Control Department had an older Ford Ranger that we used as a float vehicle. When the employee came off call they would park their Animal Control vehicle at the office and drive the float vehicle home that evening and it would remain parked at the employees house, and that employee would drive their personal owned vehicle the rest of that week. By having this float vehicle we could avoid having our personal owned vehicle trapped at the office and could avoid having to leave our County Vehicle parked at home during the work week. During Sam Yearick's management we lost our float vehicle and this has made it hard for us to comply with parking vehicles. There are times that we have to pick up and take each other home, there are times that our family members have had to drive out to our office to pick us up so we can park our work vehicle. There are times we have to leave our Animal Control vehicles at home and drive our personal owned vehicles.

We rely on each other for backup and assistance after hours. The trouble with being on-call is you never know what kind of call you're going to get. Your trying to prepare for the unknown. Some of the calls we receive are very dangerous and in the interest of our safety and public safety I would request that we be allowed to drive our county vehicles every day we work. I feel like this is a reasonable request as we are a small department and we work and live in our vehicles. This would prevent us from having to leave our personal owned vehicles at the office. We are professionals and are very proud of what we do, we want to be able to provide the best service possible to the citizens.

Thank you,

Joe Testerman – Director of Animal Control

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Jeremy on Call		9:30am February Department Head Meeting (Second Floor Conference)	Joe on Call			Dana on Call
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Dana on Call			Jeremy on Call			Joe on Call
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