

Community Law Enforcement Partnership Commission

Committee Name:

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How was this Commission established?

Pursuant to the motion of Supervisor Ramon Valadez, formed February 20, 2018 by vote of the Board of Supervisors as a condition of accepting the Operation Stonegarden Program Grant (“OSPG”) from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (administered through the Arizona Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security). Subsequent to the vote on the conditions of acceptance, County Administrator Chuck Huckelberry detailed the composition and responsibilities of the Commission in a February 23, 2018 memorandum to the Board of Supervisors.

Purpose: Review and report on the use of OSPG funds in Pima County.

Mission/Scope:

OSPG is a federal grant, which supports enhanced cooperation and coordination among Customs and Border Protection (“CBP”), United States Border Patrol (“USBP”), and local, Tribal, territorial, state, and federal law enforcement agencies. The Board of Supervisors wished to track the impact of and the Sheriff Department’s activities funded by OSPG. The Community Law Enforcement Partnership Commission will review and report to the Board of Supervisors on OSPG-related issues including, but not limited to:

- Evaluation of disproportionate contacts within minority communities;
- The implementation of the OSPG – by the Sheriff;
- Analysis of the impacts and benefits of the receipt and use of OSPG;
- Identify the role of Pima County law enforcement officers during interactions with CBP and USBP agents; and
- Identify the roles and responsibilities of all law enforcement departments and agencies with respect to travel on federal, state and local public highways.

Meeting Schedule:

Every other month or as determined by the Commission.

Scope of Work:

Provide annual report to the Board of Supervisors to include:

- Activities, actions taken, and recommendations made by the Commission; and
- Proposed implementation of the Commission’s recommendations.

Staffing and Support:

County Administration – Justice and Law/Criminal Justice Reform Unit

- Terrance Cheung – Program Manager/Commission Staff
- Dana Morales – Special Staff Assistant

Number of Members:

Ten (10) voting members (two (2) appointed by each Supervisor)

One (1) ex-officio non-voting from Sheriff’s Department (appointed by the Sheriff)

Appointment term?

Coterminous with the term of the appointing Supervisor. Upon re-election, an appointing Supervisor may choose to appoint a new member or reappoint the sitting member. Each member will serve at the pleasure of the appointing Supervisor, recognizing that the nature of the work will require continuity and consistency.

Who's eligible?

Any resident of Pima County. A member need not reside in the District of the Supervisor who appoints the member.