

Fig Garden Police Protection District Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2025 7:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order, Roll:** Meeting commenced at 7:02 p.m. All Board members present. Also present were Sheriff's Office's Sheriff Zanoni, Captain Alexander, Lt. Gilbert, and Sgt. Lightner
2. **Unanimous Approval of Minutes from 06/11/2025**
3. **Treasurer Report:** We have approximately \$500,000.00 on hand in our account
4. **Transparency with FSO:** Frances asked about considering rotation for overtime positions instead of regular deputies. Sheriff Zanoni said it would not be efficient because he could not guarantee staffing, some deputies may not be available. Dean said we pay for supervision already in our regular property tax and the County charges us twice for the same thing. Sheriff Zanoni stated the issues with service are past history because he could not control what happened before him with those problems and with our deputies being out of the contract, etc. We pay \$140.00 an hour for law enforcement; we pay for an approximate total of 1,560 hours a year. Sheriff Zanoni said he does not set rates. He is dealing with budget and raises have gone up since January, when he took control.

Briefings: Deputies briefings are held at the Area 2 Substation, located near Armstrong and Belmont. They attend these briefings daily as part of the time we pay for. We lose around 2 hours of daily service time while they are at these briefings. Sheriff Zanoni said this and Sgt. Lightner said it should not be more than one hour total time including travel to Fig Garden.
5. **Fresno County Sheriff Contract:** The Board voted unanimously to sign the contract as written with the new changes for the insurance rate the same as last year and will not charge for Christmas Tree Lane as it is not an FGPPG event. FGPPD does not have any events. 2025-2026 Contract signed and given to Lt. Gilbert to take to the Fresno County Board of Supervisors.
6. **2025/2026 Budget:** We are going into the negative in 2026 in payment to Fresno Sheriff's Office by \$50,000.00 - \$60,000.00, even though we have a 1.6% raise in assessment to FGPPD residents on the 2026 tax changes. We are short on income but Dean said we have \$500,000.00 in the bank so not to worry.
7. **Open Floor:** Michael Berdinella suggested that a sufficient number of 30 MPH signs need to be posted on Van Ness, as people are speeding through there with no regard to pedestrians, bicyclists or even the Deputies' vehicles. Danny Gai for Supervisor Bredfeld's office will make sure they are posted as soon as possible.
8. **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.