Yuma County Sheriff’s Office  
Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Local Board  
Quarterly Meeting  
March 27, 2018

Members present: Darren Simmons  
Dave McDowell  
Richard Meraz  
Brenna Paulin  
Frank Pereda

Members absent: None

Others present: Nora Mejia-Rico, Secretary

A quarterly meeting of the Local Board of the Yuma County Sheriff’s Office Public Safety Personnel Retirement System was held Tuesday, March 27, 2018, at the Yuma County Sheriff’s Office.

Chairman Darren Simmons called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

The board reviewed the minutes of the November 29, 2017 quarterly meeting. Mr. McDowell motioned to approve the November 29, 2017 minutes. Ms. Paulin seconded. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Old Business
None

New Business

The local board reviewed the application for Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) by Sgt. David Pospisil, effective April 01, 2018. The secretary advised the local board of Sgt. Pospisil’s dates of employment, total years of service, pension amount, and the effective date of the DROP retirement. Sgt. Meraz motioned to approve Sgt. Pospisil’s Application for Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP). Ms. Paulin seconded. The motion carried 5 to 0.

New Members: The secretary advised the board members of the new Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) members: Arlene Martinez, date of hire 12/10/17; Mathew Post and Pedro Rodriguez, date of hire 03/19/18. Their medical evaluations were reviewed for pre-existing medical conditions. Letters of pre-existing condition(s) were sent to Arlene Martinez and Pedro Rodriguez on March 23, 2018. Ms. Paulin motioned to approve the new PSPRS members with the acknowledgement of pre-existing conditions. Mr. McDowell seconded. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Separated Members: The Secretary advised the board members that the following PSPRS member(s) have separated from employment with the Yuma County Sheriff’s Office: Matthew Hipp, date of separation 12/22/17. Sgt. Meraz motioned to approve the employment separation of Matthew Hipp. Sgt. Pereda seconded. The motion carried 5 to 0.

The board members reviewed FY2018 First Quarter Newsletter of the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS). Sgt. Meraz commented on the article regarding Mr. Benny Ashley, stating he is the oldest member of PSPRS and has been collecting a pension for almost fifty (50) years. The local board had no further comments and/or questions regarding the newsletter.

Current Events: The secretary advised the local board that Chairman Simmons, Sgt. Pereda and herself attending the seminar training that was held at the City of Yuma. She advised that the Phoenix Office are conducting these trainings in order to ensure agencies are in compliance with statutes. Chairman Simmons
and Sgt. Pereda mentioned the names of the agencies that attended the seminar, Yuma Police Department, San Luis Police Department, Quartzsite Police Department, and Wellton Police Department. Sgt. Pereda also stated that they talked about pre-existing conditions and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) at the seminar. Lastly, Chairman Simmons stated the website seems to be friendlier and provides more information.

The next meeting was originally scheduled for June 13, 2018, at 3:00 p.m., however, since two (2) of the board members will not be available that day, the local board agreed to reschedule the meeting to June 20, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:11 p.m.

Norazel Mejia-Rico, Secretary of the Board