

Sonoma Valley Interfaith
Wednesday, June 23rd 2021 / 12 pm–1 pm

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Present: Peadar Dalton, Donna Thomas, Nicole Trotter, Scott Pryor, Nick Dalton, Jim Thomas, Manette Fairmont, Steve Finley

12:00 pm

- **Welcome/Opening Blessing - Steve**
- **Non Profits Check-in and Updates.** The following assignments are confirmed and will provide monthly updates:
 - City Council** - Peadar Dalton
 - Hanna Boy's Center** - Nick Dalton
 - S.V.U.S.D.** - Donna Thomas
 - S.O.S.** - Rabbi Steve
 - F.I.S.H.** - Marie Wilson Johnson
 - Sustainable Sonoma** - Scott Pryor will look into this
 - Marie reported that we should review the SDC proposed use report. She or someone from the Methodist Church will discuss at our August meeting. Steve will send out the report to review.
- We should also consider a Fire Safety discussion and guest for our September meeting and Bob Smith for October.
- Rabbi Steve suggested the consideration of a new president for our group in order to keep things healthy. Or to consider someone to be co-president. Discussion to be continued but if you would like to consider leadership please email Rabbi Steve.

12:30 pm

- **Guest: Police Chief Orlando Rodriguez**

The chief reports that the status of the department is much the same as most other departments. Pre-judging “police officers” is prevalent. However, a recent review of the department shows of the 8,271 call or contacts from officers only .03% needed some sort of use of force (cuffs, restraint, or weapons) a low percent. All use of force contacts are reported and reviewed by a supervisor or sergeant then sent to the chief to determine if officer training is needed.

In 2020 there were 3 citizen complaints against officers reporting wrongdoing or unprofessional conduct. After investigation all were marked unfounded.

In an effort to be more transparent, beginning July 1st officers will complete questionnaires regarding racial identity of contacts to monitor if officers could be profiling. Current review of contacts show relevance to majority community race, in Sonoma most contacts are white/Caucasian. The Department of Justice will gather and review the new questionnaires from each department.

We now have 10 deputies (1 for every 1000 residents). We have been approved for 2 motorcycle cops for traffic enforcement.

Gang violence and the prevalence of the Norteno gang in Santa Rosa is on the rise and has begun to trickle into outlying communities, including Sonoma Valley. Of the 7 shootings in Santa Rosa, 90% were gang related. Since teachers are often the ones who identify students who may be involved in gangs or need support, it would be great to have Student Resource Officers in all schools. To read about this program visit [here](#).

Youth in the valley are directed to the Sonoma Valley Youth and Family Services Program. Read more [here](#). Directed by Bob Smith, we should consider him as a guest in the Fall.

How can we help?

Continue to give thanks to officers for their work. Email any complaints or matters of concern to the chief. Please discuss with your youth group leaders and parents to reach out for support if they know of any youth in need of support for mental health or if they have concerns with gang issues.

-Scott offer their facility for emergency use for evacuations or other emergency events.

- **We will not be meeting in July or August for the Summer break.** Be on the lookout for a social gathering invite from Rabbi Steve for Friday, July 23rd.
- **KSVY - Please mark your date on your calendar.**

Due to Covid-19 no one is coming into the studio. The call in number is 933-9133. Or, you can zoom in as well. The information is on their website www.ksvy.org

Jun. 29	Steve Finley	818-207-1757
July 6	Marie Willson-Johnson	707-996-2151
July 13	Donna Thomas	707-939-6774
July 20	Manette Fairmont	707-529-9562
July 27	Scott Pryor	831-747-0139
Aug. 3	Jim Thomas	707-933-6514
Aug. 10	Peadar Dalton	707-939-7613
Aug. 17	Nicole Trotter	707-996-6024
Aug. 24	Steve Finley	818-207-1757
Aug. 31	Marie Willson-Johnson	707-996-2151