



POLICE-COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: Virtual
Meeting Date: **Thursday, April 15, 2021**
Meeting Time: **5:00pm**

Members Present: Chief Breault, Captain Terlemezian, Captain Gould, Lieutenant Collopy, Diane Levesque, Tom Waldron, Ashley Lewis, Chris Kozak, Brian Collins, Maggie Fogarty, Roxanne Osgood, Clifton West, Karen McNair

Members Absent: Purnell Ross, Marlene Guay, Miraqla LaPierre, Savannah Collinsworth, Ryan Amazeen, Dennis Munson, Hershey Hirschkop, Maurice Olivier, Wilson Wardana, Raude Raychel, Lauren Berman, Griffin Sawyer, and Bob Carrier,

1. **WELCOME AND QUICK INTRODUCTIONS AND REVIEW OF AGENDA BY MAGGIE FOGARTY, CLIFTON WESTON, AND CHIEF BREAUT:**
2. **SUMMARY AND REVIEW OF LAST MONTH'S DISCUSSION REGARDING THE PURPOSE OF THE COMMITTEE, AREAS OF INTEREST FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS BY MAGGIE FOGARY:**

The role of committee members

- We are a voice for various sectors of our community, representing key stakeholder groups.
- We are liaisons to these groups.
- We bring a variety of perspectives, insight and ethical frameworks.
- We are resource people, providing information and expertise in key areas.
- We are eager to explore complex dynamics and questions.

Topics/issues of interest

- Trauma-informed approaches, and trauma impacts
- Mental health issues and crisis response
- Data collection, including body cameras
- Protecting vulnerable populations, including:
 - Youth
 - LGBTQIA
 - gender nonconforming people
 - Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC)
 - homeless people
 - people with mental and physical disabilities
 - people with substance misuse issues and addiction
 - immigrants including undocumented immigrants
 - people experiencing domestic violence
 - formerly incarcerated people
 - veterans



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What does 'community safety' mean to you?

- Preventing harm
- Both personal/individual and collective/community safety
- Being seen and understood
- Preparedness, access to resources
- Question: What is 'safety' for BIPOC community members and others who experience oppression and vulnerability?

3. **POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATES BY CHIEF BREault:**

The Chief provided several updates to the members of the committee:
Council approved purchase by a vote of 9-0. Studying it since July
Expensive but probably in our best interest
Simultaneously-LEACT comes out with the recommendations of cameras
Decided on BodyWorn
Funded by vacant position money as well as some COVID money
Discussed some of the features of the system
Answered a question from Brian Collins about how the officers feel about cameras

Spoke about the change of supervision in both Field ops and support services.

4. **PRESENTATION OF BLACK LIVES MATTER SEACOAST DEMANDS BY CLIFTON WEST AND DOVER POLICE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE BY CHIEF BREault**

Clifton Presented the demands and the history of how they were written-attempted to take a holistic look at law enforcement and room for improvement-tried to make the demands specific, achievable. List of demands was in September 2020 prior to rally

We went through some of the demands on the list. Qualified immunity, legalization of marijuana, statistics availability, social services workers with law enforcement. Chris discussed transition of emergency services to mobile crisis teams and the 988 call number coming next year

Tom Waldron will head a group that will put together a survey for citizens to try to get some feedback. Next meeting will include parameters.

5. **NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting of the Dover Police Department's Police Community Engagement Committee is May 20, 2021.



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6. **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:35 PM.