



COMMUNITY POLICE COLLABORATIVE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, July 14th, 2022 – 7:30 PM
Virtual WebEx Meeting

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call Meeting to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM, with no technical difficulties.

2. Roll Call

Chair Lawson-Muhamad
Vice-Chair Wakefield
Member Maini
Member Ryan
Lieutenant Acevedo
Trustee Brown

3. Approval of Minutes

June meeting minutes have several commitments for Chief Morillo and we are unsure if he had a chance to review them. Tabled until September Meeting.

3. Trustee Update

The CC&J is experiencing a change in personnel, with two social workers leaving the program. It is unclear if this is related to the potential impact on funding or something else.

4. Topics

- Police Department Update
 - Responded to about 2,105 calls this month. 9am and 10am are the busiest times, and Wednesday and Thursdays busiest days.. 43 tier one calls and most are thefts from unlocked vehicles or package thefts.
Member Maini asked the data committee to consider analyzing the impact of these types of calls on our staff and resources. At some point residents and homeowners need to take some responsibility, and in the meantime maybe there can be a public announcement similar to Westfield's Police Chief last summer.
 - Body Worn Camera program is off and running well. Desk officers are now viewing random videos to improve officer safety and



behavior. Current pressing need is to remind the community that the interaction is being recorded.

- Lt. Acevedo reported that there are issues in being able to obtain necessary equipment to support the program due to supply chain issues.

Member Ryan asked for clarification and Lt. Acevedo explained that it is related to chips for camera video storage to be uploaded using banks. In the interim Lt. Acevedo has purchased used computers to help with the charging and video storage.

- Acquired the computer and software to redact video. This is the first time SOPD has had that ability and is necessary to comply with the AGs guidelines.
- There have been two OPRA requests and the process now is that the request goes to the Prosecutor who then tells SOPD what can and can not be released. This is the current process for all BWC across the state, and with the increase in complexity this may come back to individual police department guidelines.
- CPC still recommends that for all platforms, SOPD use the same guidelines for video storage and sharing. This will be followed up by the Operations Committee.
- SOPD is sponsoring a blood drive on August 30th. They will push this info out very soon.
- Nassan's Place received the check from the Autism Awareness fundraiser.
- National Night Out will take place August 2nd.
- 28 Junior Officers have enrolled in Junior Police Academy and all costs were covered by the Trustees. CPC requested information about the program and the awards event so that there can be acknowledgement of this great opportunity.

- **Data sub-committee update:**

- Member Wakefield met with the Chief and several officers. They agreed to a follow up with the committee defining some standard monthly data and revisited a community dashboard.
- Data Subcommittee is still working on this.
- Draft being shared across the committee prior to sending it to the SOPD.

- **Community Outreach**

- Member Bell asked (through email) to support National Night Out. Member Maini will work with Member Bell to create a handout for residents interested in CPC.

- **CC&J sub-committee update**



- Follow up to the Trustee Report to get information on status of resignations and funding plan or non renewal of contracts.
- Since South Orange has merged its Health Department with that of Maplewood for a trial period, it was recommended that the trustees look at Maplewood's roll-out of social work services and consider this approach or a shared service.
- It was also requested that there be some report out of what we learned and the needs of SOPD.
- **Operations and Policy sub-committee update:**
 - Member Maini is waiting for the data committee to set priorities and objectives out of data to stay focused.
 - In the meantime, working on a calendar of Community Updates that would highlight things SOPD does (and why) and inform the public. This would be in conjunction with the Community Outreach Subcommittee. This is not intended to be extra work or limit what is shared with the community, it is just to set a standard reliable calendar of Community information and resources. Once the subcommittee has a draft we will share with Chief Morillo for his review and approval.
 - Also working on an update for the community regarding the Body Worn Cameras (BWC). These types of documents will be reviewed by Chief Morillo but not formally by the CPC total.
 - Finally Operations and Policy subcommittee would again like to offer help on the accreditation process.
- **Liaison to Maplewood Police Collaborative**
 - Member Ryan reported that the Joint event went well and the video is available here—
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UQOpAVQx7B0>
 - There was concern expressed about how the residents and the crime rate of our "borders" impacts how we interact (implicitly and explicitly) with our neighbors that does not appear to be productive.
- **Use of Force Update**
 - First Qtr no incidents
 - 3 in June: two incidents involved individuals experiencing a mental health issue, and one involved an individual found in a stolen car. All were Compliance Holds. One officer was injured, there were no other injuries. YTD number is now 8 total incidents through the end of June.



5. New Business

There was a motion to cancel the August meeting.
We have some open positions and are seeking new members.

Amy Dixon has recently submitted an application to join the CPC. She has lived in town for 14 years and is recently serving with the Fines and Fees Justice Center which is attempting to create a justice system that ensures individuals are treated fairly, ensures public safety, and is funded equitably. Ms. Dixon expressed interest in both data and operations.

6. Public Comments

none

7. Executive Session

Went into Executive Session at 8:42pm.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 PM.

Next Meeting Date:

September 8, 2022

Virtual WebEx Meeting