

PUBLIC SAFETY & COMMUNITY RELATIONS BOARD
COMBINED REGULAR AND QUARTERLY MEETING
MILLER PARK PAVILION
1020 S. MORRIS AVE., BLOOMINGTON, IL 61701
DECEMBER 1, 2022 AT 5:00 PM

MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order

- a. 5:04pm

2. Roll Call

- a. Present: W. Bennett, A. Farmer, R. McFarland, A. Taylor
- b. Absent: S. Fish, J. Woodard, K. Howard

3. Public Comment

- a. None

4. Approval of November Meeting Minutes

- a. Will move this to January agenda, as not everyone received the minutes

5. Update on Complaints Received (BPD)

- a. Currently 18 complaints so far this year, with 7 pending investigation and 1 request pending for PSCRB review. This should be ready for PSCRB review by February- will receive update on this at January meeting. In November 2021, there were 6,397 calls for service; in November 2022 there were 6,404 calls for service- very similar.
- b. There were 9 incidents where force was used or displayed, so 99.8% of calls for service were without the use of force. Of those where force was used, these included physical restraint, tackle, OC spray, taser, show of taser, and weapon display.
- c. **Taser Report:**
 - i. 6 incidents. 1. Display on Black male, shots fired call because he was upset about kids near his vehicle, and fired weapon to scare them. Display of taser due to noncompliance. 2. Deployment on white male. Was riding bike in the dark on the street with no headlight, police attempted stop and he ran, eventually officer caught up to him and took him into custody, found in possession of meth. 3. Display on Black male. Traffic stop in which subject ran, but hit a fence and fell, and was taken into custody. A loaded handgun was found near his person. 4. Display Black male. Domestic call, in which there was an order of protection. Subject refused to open the door, officers forced entry, OC spray used and resisted arrest. 6. Deployment white male. Domestic call for stabbing. Fled the scene, did not obey verbal commands, charged with aggravated domestic battery.

6. General updates from BPD

a. Training and Continued Education

- i. Nov. 18th 7 graduated the academy and are going to FTO. 122 of the allotted 128 positions are filled, and 19 individuals were hired so far this year. Sending 4 to the academy in January, doing background checks, etc.

right now. Those 4 include a Black male, Black female, white female, and white male.

b. Recruitment

i. Will soon test for lateral officers as well.

c. **Traffic Stop data updates:** To date, stops include 28% Black and 64% white citizens- which is down for Black citizens by about 12 percent.

i. Improvement could be attributed to focus on different, high traffic areas

ii. High traffic areas will be more of a focus through 2023 as well, especially regarding speed complaints.

7. Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) Updates

a. Variety of issues resolved: 4 shootings, 3 fleeing/evading, 1 missing juvenile, 1 locating a suicidal subject, Helped in robbery in Peoria case, stolen vehicle tracking- 2 arrests made, recovery of 4 stolen vehicles, Help outside agencies locate persons of interest in 2 homicide cases, stolen vehicle linked to other suspects, help solving catalytic converter theft cases, drive-by suspect, aggravated armed robbery, eliminated a suspect in a credit card fraud case.

b. 8/10 cameras are up and running- still 1 downtown and 1 on S-51 to install.

c. Battery operated unit has been purchased. This is an ALPR that can be moved to various locations to help with investigations.

8. How to Use BPD Transparency Portal

a. What transparency portal includes- policies, links to data from ALPR and traffic stops/pedestrian stops, crime mapping and crime activity in Bloomington, FOIA requests.

b. Discussion about possible social media page for PSCRB- we could post information such as that about the transparency portal so community knows this resource is available. Will also link to the transparency portal through our city government webpage; and can possibly disseminate information through City of Bloomington social media.

9. Review of Complaint Process

a. To review the original charge of the board- increase dialogue between the community and BPD, and any complaints from public. This board was requested by various stakeholders, and was in response to the incidents in Ferguson MO and other police shootings. Board was essentially inoculation to prevent those incidents. Community came forward with suggestions for protocols and procedures for receipt of complaints.

b. Important to note in the complaint process, it is important to take it to the source first and file the complaint with BPD. If still in question, can come to PSCRB. This process has been in place since the creation of the Board in 2017.

c. Community awareness that PSCRB is available, for being a conduit between the community and police, and where questions can be raised- any issues, etc. but also can include positive dialogue.

d. Recommendations can also be made to BPD and City of Bloomington, and recommendations in the past have been implemented.

10. Year in Review (2022)

a. ALPR Discussions

b. Appealed complaints

- c. Rev. Dr. Black service to the board and community
- d. Youth Board Member positions filled

11. Open Board Member Positions

- a. A second youth board member was appointed at Nov. 28th city council meeting- Amira Bommarito, who will be formally sworn in soon and introduced at January meeting.
- b. No updates on other board vacancy

12. Public Discussion (Quarterly Public Meeting)

- a. None

13. Future meeting dates, times, location and topics

- a. Next meeting: Regular meeting; Thursday, January 5th at 3:30pm, Location TBD
 - i. Topics: Introduce new youth board member; Review of guidelines and bylaws of PSCRB; Review upcoming expiring terms for current members.
 - ii. Location TBD- suggestion to use fishbowl meeting room

14. Adjourn (Approx. 7:00 PM)

- a. Approx. 6:30pm, Motion by R. McFarland, seconded by A. Taylor.
- b. Roll call