



PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

MILLER PARK PAVILION 1020 S. MORRIS AVE., BLOOMINGTON, IL 61701

THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2023, 3:30 PM

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order- 3:32 pm

2. Roll Call-Commissioners present: Pastor Bennett, J. Woodard, S. Fish. A. Taylor, R. McFarland

Absent: Kimberly Howard and Amira Bommarito, Dr. Farmer

3. Public Comment: None

4. Consent Agenda

A. Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of the May 17, 2023, Special Public Safety and Community Relations Board Meeting, as requested by the Administration Department. Motion to approve-Ms. McFarland. Seconded-Ms. Fish. All, in favor. Minutes approved.

5. Regular Session

A. Presentation and Discussion by the Bloomington Police Department (BPD) on an update of complaints received, as requested by the Administration Department.

Introduction of new Professional Development Officer, Lt. Jim Clesson by Asst. Chief Wamsley.

COMPLAINTS: 8 complaints for 2023, 4 pending. Allegations include search and seizure, false arrest, excessive force. No complaints asking for PSCRB referral.

0 complaints asking for PSCRB intervention.

PERSONNEL:

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communitycrimemap.com- spots on a map where crimes have taken place.

(Recommended Motion: None, presentation and discussion only.)

B. Presentation and Discussion by the Bloomington Police Department (BPD) on the taser use report, as requested by the Administration Department. (Recommended Motion: None, presentation, and discussion only.)

12 incidents involving a taser: 6 displays and 6 deployments. 4 deployments on Black Males-fleeing and alluding. Active arrest warrant. Reckless driving. Domestic violence.

1 deployment on White Male to prevent him from further harming himself with glass shard. Subject had already cut his own throat with the glass.

2 deployments on Latino Males- domestic violence and failure to pay for services.

C. Presentation and Discussion by the Bloomington Police Department (BPD) on general department updates, as requested by the Administration Department.

(Recommended Motion: None, presentation, and discussion only.)

Calls for service in June of 2022-7,086 June of 2023 7,213. 127 more calls for service over this time last year. Use of force -18 incidents in June 2023 where force was used or displayed. 99.7% of all calls for service were done without any officer use or showing any type of force.

D. Presentation on personnel training and continued education by the Bloomington Police Department (BPD), as requested by the Administration Department.

(Recommended Motion: None, presentation only.)

124/128 Officer positions filled, but down 21 officers due to medical, retirements, deployment, etc. Some upcoming retirements, disability leaves, and military deployment.

E. Presentation on recruitment statistics by the Bloomington Police Department (BPD), as requested by the Administration Department. (Recommended Motion: None, presentation only.)

5 new recruits currently in academy. Hoping to send 5-7 more recruits to academy in September 2023.

F. Consideration and action on future meeting dates, times, location, and topics., as requested by the Administration Department:

Create a communication plan to get more stakeholders to the meetings.

Hold only quarterly meetings.

Invite public to hear reports provided by the PPD

Appoint a communication subcommittee.

(Recommended Motion: Board to determine adjustments to meeting dates, times, location, and topics.)- Next meeting to be held on August 3, 2023

G. Adjournment: 4:44 pm

Motion to adjourn: Mr. Taylor. Seconded: Ms. Fish

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