



PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

GOVERNMENT CENTER BOARDROOM- ROOM #400

BLOOMINGTON, IL 61701

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 24, 2024 3:30 PM

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order- 3:34 pm

2. Roll Call- Present: R. McFarland, S. Fish, A. Taylor, A. Farmer, J. Woodard

Absent: Pastor Bennett

3. Public Comment: None.

4. Consent Agenda

A. Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of the December 7, 2023, Regular Public Safety and Community Relations Board Meeting:

Motion to accept minutes with amendments: Mr. Taylor

Seconded: Ms. Fish

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.

Calls for service: 5787/December 2023 & 6483/December 2022

16 incidents of use of force for December 2023. 99.7% of calls handled without use of force.

TASER REPORT: 3 (1 display, 1 dry stun, 1 deployment)

1 dry stun on Hispanic male, fighting and spitting on officers. 1 deployment on Black Male, cannabis in vehicle, attempted to flee during traffic stop.

UPDATE ON COMPLAINTS

1 Complaint request for PSCRB review will be available for review in the HUB.

TRAINING & CONTINUED EDUCATION

Since January of 2019 BPD has hired 59 officers. 4 officers recently graduated from academy. 9 officers currently in training. New officers have received recent training.

RECRUITMENT

124/128 officer positions filled. 1 retirement. 4 graduated academy, 3 hired in from academy, 6 out on disability. One retirement last Thursday. Hired 4 on January 2nd.

8 on injury, 2 on deployment.

GENERAL UPDATES

There is an increase in solved crimes due to use of APLR. APLR was used to track an organized crime gang from Columbia who were targeting Asians; also assisted with the recovery of 3 stolen vehicles; used to assist Town of Normal investigating Box Store thefts. The BPD was awarded an APLR grant from the Attorney General's Office. Some of the money will be used to purchase additional cameras.

Mr. Taylor asked for update on the increase in retail theft and what the police are doing about it. Chief: Education and awareness. BPD are in nationwide communication with other departments who can warn the BPD of what's coming their way.

Mr. Woodard asked about the number of Flock cameras. The Chief stated there are around 21 cameras currently. He also stated he had no updates for the Tech for Tips program.

Ms. McFarland stated she had received complaints about panhandlers following individuals to cars, through parking lots, etc. and they don't feel safe. Chief Wamsley suggested the individual call the police if the panhandlers are being aggressive.

Ms. Fish asked about the status of tent city. Assistant Chief Wamsley informed her that Eastview Christian Church and ECD are working together to find a solution.

The PSCRB brochure needs updating. Also, the most recent brochure needs to be posted online. Updated copies should be brought to Board meetings for the public.

FUTURE MEETING DATES & TOPICS

- a) Consider changing quarterly meeting time and location to City of Refuge Church.
- b) Woodard: possibly have an update from the mayor.
- c) Next meeting bring the updated brochure.

- d) Please get copies of the ordinance to the PSCRB.
- e) Two youth members: what's happening with their reappointment?

G. Adjournment- Meeting adjourned at 4:28 pm.

Motion to adjourn- Dr. Farmer Seconded- Ms. McFarland.

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