



PUBLIC SAFETY & COMMUNITY RELATIONS BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
FIRE STATION #6 CONFERENCE ROOM
4040 E. OAKLAND AVE., BLOOMINGTON, IL 61704
JANUARY 5, 2023, 3:30 PM

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order
 - a. 3:33pm
2. Roll Call
 - a. Present: W. Bennett; A. Bommarito; A. Farmer; S. Fish; K. Howard; A. Taylor; [J. Woodard- late]
 - b. Absent: R. McFarland
3. Public Comment
 - a. None
4. Approval of November Meeting Minutes
 - a. Motion to approve- A. Taylor, Second- W. Bennett
 - b. Vote to approve: All in favor
5. Approval of December Meeting Minutes
 - a. Motion to approve- A. Taylor, Second- K. Howard
 - b. Vote to approve: All in favor
6. Welcome Youth Board Member Amira Bommarito to the Board
 - a. Welcoming comments to newest member
7. Update on Complaints Received (BPD)
 - a. For 2022, 21 complaints. Calls for service in December 2022 - 4,852 (compared to 5,853 in December 2021)
 - b. 1 complaint awaiting PSCRB review
 - c. 19 incidents where there was use of force
 - d. 7 pending investigations- takes longer because of reviewing body camera footage
 - e. Taser Report

i. 8 incidents

1. Deployment on white male: violated bail bond, did not comply, began to run into house
2. Deployment on white female: jumped onto male subject who was getting arrested
3. Deployment on a dog: pitbull came at officers during arrest
4. Deployment on Black male: home invasion suspect, ran, police caught up to him
5. Display on white male: DV service call, fled address, ran, police caught up to him
6. Display on white female: suicidal subject, sharp objects directed at police
7. Display on white male: parole warrants, fled
8. Display on Black male: DV call, saw him striking someone else during a fight

f. ALPR:

- i. Used for a missing person located out of state
- ii. Suicidal subject missing, worked with other agencies to locate
- iii. NPD suspicious subjects, covered license plates in 2 vehicles that were used in an armed robbery.

8. General updates from BPD

- a. Presentation from Chief Simington on Violence Reduction Grant Program (\$500,000 awarded)
 - i. Ties into strategic plan for BPD
 - ii. Proposed plan includes:
 1. Youth Summer Camp
 2. Text to Tip Program (5-year)
 - a. Digital tip program allows community to text anonymous tips
 3. Reward money for tips
 - a. Incentivize sharing of vital information from public concerning violent crimes and illegal gun possession
 4. National Integrated Ballistic Information Network Program
 - a. Allows BPD to perform automated ballistic correlation of seized spent cartridges from crime scenes.
 5. Gun Buy Back Program
 6. Gun Locker Purchase Program

- a. Apply for gun locker vouchers to purchase at local retailers
- 7. Two mobile public safety cameras
- 8. Tethered/Untethered UAV and Training
- b. Training and Continued Education
 - i. 2 hired on 1/3
 - ii. 21 hires in 2022
- c. Recruitment
 - i. 2 lateral officers
 - ii. Feb 7th next close date for applications
- 9. Review of Guidelines and Bylaws for PSCRB
 - a. Review of Establishment and purpose; rules and procedures; Review of Police Department findings by the PSCRB; Community outreach
- 10. Terms/Reappointments for Current Members in 2023
 - a. Terms up for reappointment April 30: A. Farmer; R. McFarland
 - b. Terms up for reappointment June 30: K. Howard (youth position)
- 11. Open Board Member Positions
 - a. No updates
- 12. Future meeting dates, times, location, and topics
 - a. Next meeting: Regular meeting; Thursday, February 2nd at 3:30pm, Miller Park Pavilion
 - i. Will potentially have appealed case ready for review; or bi-annual review of BPD complaints
- 13. Adjourn (Approx. 5:00 PM)
 - a. Motion: S. Fish; Second- A. Taylor
 - b. All in favor

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