



POLICE-COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: Virtual
Meeting Date: **Thursday, January 21, 2021**
Meeting Time: **5:00pm**

Members Present: Chief Breault, Captain Terlemezian, Captain Gould, Diane Levesque, Tom Waldron, Hershey Hirschkop, Ashley Lewis, Karen McNair, Chris Kozak, Brian Collins, Maggie Fogarty, Maurice Olivier, Wilson Wardana, Raude Rachel, Roxanne Osgood, Rachel Berman, Dennis Munson, Ryan Amazeen, and Miracle LaPierre, and Clifton West

Members Absent: Purnell Ross, Marlene Guay

1. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION BY CHIEF BREAUTL**

Chief Breault welcomed the committee. The Chief discussed the diversity of the committee and how committee members were selected by outreaching to various groups and asking them who might best represent their interests.

Chief Breault explained his background and introduced both Captain Terlemezian and Captain Gould who spoke for a few moments about their respective backgrounds.

2. **PURPOSE AND INTENT OF POLICE-COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Chief Breault spoke about why the committee was formed and the expectations that he and the police department had for the committee. Specifically that the intent of the committee is to offer a meaningful way for ongoing two way communication between the police department and the community.

Chief Breault explained that he felt that more should be done to ensure that concerns of the many different people that the department serves are heard equally, to include those community members that are often marginalized by society as well as for community members to develop an understanding about the Dover Police Department. What their police department does, what the department's values are, how we act not only in responding to but also in preventing crime and more importantly what we do to work with the community to improve the quality of life for our residents and visitors.

The Chief commented that he is hopeful that the committee will provide an additional means for the public to raise concerns, ask questions, provide input, and develop an understanding about police operations, continuing the department's collaborative problem solving and reinforcing our department's role in serving as a positive community resource.

Chief Breault explained that the committee is advisory and will not have any oversight authority nor will the committee be focused on one specific issue or area of concern, but

instead focused on all parts of our diverse community. The goal is really two things. The first is to determine the police department can provide better services and second, how the police department can work collaboratively with the community to solve problems and improve the quality of life for our residents.

3. **COMMITTEE MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS**

Each of the committee members took a few minutes to introduce themselves.

4. **OVERVIEW OF POLICE SERVICES**

Using PowerPoint, Chief Breault gave an overview of the police department that focused on basic police services, activity trends, the department's philosophy and response to social service related calls, use of force, and best practices.

5. **MEMBER COMMENTS**

Committee members had general conversation about training, use of social workers and the LEAD program.

6. **DISCUSSION REGARDING AGENDA SETTING FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

General discussion about future agendas.

Chief Breault explained that future meeting agendas will be determined with direct input of committee members. The Chief asked committee members to contact him with specific topic areas that they believed would be helpful for people to know as well as any issues or concerns that the committee should discuss.

The committee agreed to meet monthly on the third Thursday of the month at 5:00 PM

7. **NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting of the Dover Police Department's Police Community Engagement Committee is February 18, 2021.