

# Police Accountability Committee

May 29, 2024, Minutes

Troop 3 Community Room

## General Introductions

- Secretary Nathaniel McQueen, Colonel Melissa Zebley, Lt. Colonel Danny Meadows
  - Secretary McQueen discussed police agencies across the country and the 49 agencies within the State of Delaware.
  - Colonel Zebley discussed our agency makeup with members including sworn and civilian employees.
  - Lt. Colonel Meadows discussed House Bill 206, and police transparency.
  
- Introductions of the Delaware State Police Community Engagement team
  - Captain Skinner introduced Sgt. DeMalto, Cpl/2 Jackson, and Cpl/1 Malloy
  
- Introductions of Committee Members in attendance and their backgrounds
  - Mr. Ian McLarthy, Mr. William Collick, Ray Tabarez, Mr. Daniel Rigby, Mr. Shawn Hastings, Mrs. Dionne Keeler, Mr. Steven Venett, Mrs. Fleur McKendell, Mr. Arthur Elias, Mr. Isaac Ross, and Mr. David Moore
  
- 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary video – PIO

## Requirements

- Sgt. DeMalto discussed requirements of the committee members and collected contact information from members in attendance.
  - 20 hours of community related service to our agency
    - Advised members of Citizens Police Academy starting September 5<sup>th</sup>
    - Ride-A-Longs
    - Community Events with Delaware State Police

## Mission of the Accountability Committee

- Capt. Skinner discussed HB 206 and coming up with a mission statement.

- Discussed policy and procedures and allowing members to visit the range and go through response to resistance scenarios.
- Discussed duration of membership for committee members
  - o Mr. Arthur Elias made a motion to have a two (2) year commitment and after one (1) year the ability to bring in six (6) new members.
    - Pastor Ross second the motion
    - All members in favor of the motion
- Discussed how many meetings they can miss.
  - o Mr. Daniel Rigby made a motion that members must attend a total of five (5) meetings over the course of two (2) years. Members may only miss two (2) meetings in a calendar year.
    - Mr. Arthur Elias second the motion
    - All members in favor of the motion

## Open Discussion

- Mr. Daniel Rigby discussed he is more favorable taking upstream approaches and proactive policing.
- Mr. Arthur Elias advised he would like to see more officers in school systems and having positive interactions with kids. (Picking the right SRO's)
- Cpl/2 Jackson discussed with members what CEU is doing in schools throughout the state and how we are building positive relations.
- Pastor Ross commended the Troopers on the change of positive influences in the community.
- Pastor Moore asked if CEU could come up with a document to explain what is available and how they can schedule things.
  - o Capt. Skinner advised members of the CEU webpage and how members schedule events. Also discussed the state's annual report and advised he will forward to members.
- Mr. Steven Venett asked if there is anything to incentivize Troopers to do more in the community and schools.
  - o Capt. Skinner informed members of Master Corporal requirements.

Meeting adjourned – Next meeting will be scheduled after Labor Day