

Delaware State Police

Police Accountability Committee

September 10, 2024 (Minutes)

Beginning of meeting

1. Meeting began at 17:30 hours with Capt. Skinner giving opening remarks. (Delaware State Police Firearms Range)
2. Lt. Col. Meadows and Maj. Sapp spoke. Maj. Sapp was introduced to the Committee members.
 - a. Members spoke about their experience doing ride-a-longs.
3. Attendance was noted with 8 members:
Collick, Elias, Keeler, McKendell-Arrington, McLarthy, Moore, Tabarez, Venett

Body of the meeting

1. Capt. Skinner opened the meeting for public comment hours. No one was logged into the provided zoom link. Due to lack of participation public comment was closed.
2. Cpl/3 Al Jones addressed the committee and spoke about what community engagement does.
3. Capt. Skinner discussed the Bylaws that were since to the committee members. These were previously distributed to the committee.
 - a. Member-Collick proposed to extend the public comments by writing should 3 minutes of speaking not suffice. Section 5; Page 2.
 - b. Motion to make this change was presented by Member-Collick and second was made (Member-McKendell-Arrington).
4. Member-McKendell-Arrington motioned to except the bylaws with the change above. Motion was seconded by Member-Collick. All members agreed with an "I" verbal vote.
5. Bylaws will be posted to the public website (with the change to Section 5).

Response to Resistance by Cpl/3 Lawrence Walther

1. Public comment "Teams Link" remained open and monitored throughout this presentation.
2. Presentation handout "Response to Resistance" will be attached to this file.

Closing Business

1. The committee is interested in scenario-based training in conjunction with use of force.
2. Capt. Skinner will send out an email with the next committee meeting date and agenda.
3. Perhaps the meeting after the next the committee can discuss Professional Responsibility.
4. Question was asked about how to bring up items to discuss.
 - a. This will be done during open discussion.
 - b. Communication channels are open and active through email if something is thought of outside the meeting time.
5. 20-hour community service requirement was discussed with the members.

Open Discussion

1. Nothing was brought up.
2. Pastor Ross did resign due to health reasons.

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- a. We must maintain an odd number of members.
 - b. One person has not attended any meeting and may be removed.
3. Committee agreed to keep the number of members where it is (even) pending contact with the member who has not attended a meeting.
4. Meeting motioned to adjourn by Member-Collick and was seconded, and voted unanimously by the group.

Minutes documented by Sgt. J. Wheatley