

11/12/2020 Full Committee Meeting

Agenda

1. Update on each subcommittee's work to date and next steps

Policies & Training Subcommittee (Bob)

- Force Policy, de-escalation, and conflict resolution were looked at.
- No-knock policy issue: courts issue a no-knock warrant. Recommendation is to leave this with the courts.
- Deployment Strategies: there are several recommendations, including adding to training schedules, de-escalation changes.
- The next meeting will be in a few weeks.

Response & Diversion Subcommittee (Pat)

- Meetings have been taking place on a weekly basis.
- Response to Mental Health, Substance/Alcohol Abuse, Homelessness: recommendation is centered around implementation of 'Proposal for Patients with Mental Health Crisis', as recommended by Guilderland EMS, with funding as a caveat.
- Dispatch and Communications Practices: reviewing research done by Albany Law students and recommendation will center around training.
- Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) Program: met with Albany County (virtual) regarding status of this program.
- Violence Prevention and Reduction Interventions: training classes were reviewed and recommendation is to explore using SNUG Program, partnering with Albany Police Department, and depending on funding.
- Community Based Outreach and Conflict Resolution: reviewing research from Albany Law students.

Criminal Justice Strategies Subcommittee (Bob)

- Procedural/Restorative Strategies and Practices: recommendations around use of force training are being developed. Summarization of the recommendation around civil complaints (written complaint) is in process.
- Aftermath of Repeal of 50A: there are cases in Schenectady, Albany, Erie and NY counties related to disclosure of disciplinary actions. There may be a case coming from judiciary that may provide guidance.
- This subcommittee will not review the LEAD Program (Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion) as the Response & Diversion subcommittee is addressing it.

Racial Justice & Equity Subcommittee (Peter)

- Albany Law students have provided research, which this subcommittee is reviewing. This report will include numerous data tables.

2. President Trump's Executive Order No. 13929 (June 16, 2020) entitled "Safe Policing for Safe Communities" <https://www.townofguilderland.org/police-reform-and-reinvention-collaborative-committee/files/executive-order-13929-safe-policing-safe>

- This Executive Order focuses primarily on federal funding and is similar to the Governor Cuomo's Executive Order for NYS. To obtain federal funding, we will have to address issues as we are addressing under the NYS Executive Order.

3. Public participation (surveys, virtual meetings)

- A survey will be sent out with the Supervisor's quarterly newsletter, which is scheduled to be mailed in December. The survey will be shared with the entire Committee before it is finalized and published with the newsletter. The draft plan will be made available for public comment before it is approved/adopted by the Town Board (April 2021).
- William Betiermann shared that the Presidential Homeowners Association inquired about the Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative. William sent out an email but did not receive any responses. He also spoke to DCJS (Division of Criminal Justice Services) regarding funding. An issue is that because New York is a sanctuary city state, funding is held up. Funds are in Washington D.C.– perhaps funds will be available in January 2021. Two DCJS representatives are looking into this. William is also looking into a \$5,000 grant.
- Town Hall has received several calls regarding the Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative but no inquiries in writing. Bob Fleury has been contacted by a few people regarding progress to date.

4. Final Action Plan (due April 1, 2021)

Subcommittee recommendations (review/approval process)

- There should be consensus from subcommittee members on the recommendations put forward.

Format: Issue/Recommendation/Action Item (Pres. Obama's Report)

- Peter will share the format with the subcommittees.

Next meeting: December 17, 2020, 6 pm. Meetings will continue virtually.