



POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Type: **Regular Meeting**
Date: **Tuesday, January 18, 2022**
Time: **5:30 p.m.**
Physical Address: **Due to COVID, there is no physical location for this meeting**
Location: **ZOOM Teleconference**
Contact: **(802) 893-6655**
Website: **www.miltonvt.gov**

Meeting Minutes

Police Advisory Committee Members Present: Harjit Dhaliwal, Chair; Lisa Rees, Vice Chair; Kevin Kimball, Clerk; Richard Edwards, Member; Dylan Martel, Member

Police Advisory Committee Members Not Present:

Staff Members Present: Michaela Foody, Director of Public Safety; Stephen Laroche, Chief of Police

I. Call to Order

Meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

II. Flag Salute

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance lead by Chief Laroche.

III. Public Forum

No Public in attendance

IV. Agenda Review

Lisa Rees motioned to add review of Howard Center statistics with a second by Richard Edwards. **Approved 5-0.**

V. Approval of Minutes

Lisa Rees motioned to approve the Police Advisory Committee Minutes for the November 16, 2021 meeting with a second by Dylan Martel. **Approved 5-0.**

VI. Milton Police Department Year in Review

Stephen Laroche, Chief of Police

Similar presentation to last year but with less data on use of force, being analyzed in another report that is now gathered in a new way. Chief Laroche showed power point presentation with data from 2021 compared to last 3 years. Traffic stops and incident calls are down. Motor vehicle complaints and suspicious events had slightly increased. All other data provided similar to last year. Discussed Crime Data by Offences, Driving while criminally suspended showed a dramatic decrease due to new criteria for definition. Excessive speeds increased 40% with recent events of vehicles going over 80 mph on East Road. Goes hand and hand with eluding Police Officers. Mental Health calls increased but consistent with 2020 data, but steady increase over last 3 years. Review of Traffic Stop Race Data, Chief Laroche added that the Department of Public Safety (DPS) is looking into making a dashboard for this data that can be accessed online. Lisa Rees requested Committee look at Traffic Stop Race Data quarterly, with a second by Harjit Dhaliwal just to be aware of data and trends. Will look at the Use of Force data at next month meeting. A review of Police Department complaint data maybe at the March meeting.

VII. Howard Center Quarterly Update

Stephen Laroche, Chief of Police

Review of the data provided by the Howard Center showing contact data with Howard Center staff. In Quarter 1 FY 2022, Milton had 48 contacts, Quarter 2 had 51 contacts. Lisa Rees asked if the Town of Milton can get the data from the Howard Center breaking down Milton's call volume into the type of referral, like the way they do for their overall call volume

VIII. Police Chief's Update

Stephen Laroche, Chief of Police

Chief updated Committee that the new cruiser is being striped now should be ready for use by the end of the week. Fair and Impartial Policing training being held for all Officers consisting of 2.5 hours of training and is being well received by the Officers who have attended. Officer Corbin with a little over 5 years of service, last day was Saturday January 15th. He is transferring to a Police Department in Massachusetts. This leave the department with 2 vacancies. Looking to do some interviews in the next few weeks. Kevin Kimball and Michaela Foody added that they have had recent applicants but didn't proceed after back ground checks, but interviews are going well. Physical assessment for Police Academy is changing to include rowing machines instead of the physical assessments, there is still no written exam requirement. Harjit Dhaliwal asked Chief Laroche if there is any concern with lower requirements. Chief responded that the individual departments still have their own requirements. Working with Chittenden County Chamber of Commerce to get them involved in helping to hire Police Officers. Still doing

Georgia patrol, approx. 8 hours a week it is becoming challenging due to staffing issues due to COVID and child care. 2021 Georgia coverage had 164 incidents 91 was traffic stops. Trying to get interest in internship programs with job fairs and local colleges. Lisa Rees asked for an update on the Donut Program and informed that the credit union is willing to donate more money to continue or do a similar program in order to promote Police and Community relationship. Chief Laroche request the Committee think about future agenda items.

IX. Adjournment

Motion made by Lisa Rees to adjourn with a second by Kevin Kimball. **Approved 5-0.**

Harjit Dhaliwal adjourned meeting at 6:51 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michaela Foody

APPROVED MINUTES:

_____ Kevin Kimball _____ Date: 02/15/2022

Kevin Kimball, Clerk

Filed with the Milton Town Clerk's Office on this _____ day of _____, 2022.

ATTEST: _____, Milton Town Clerk