

POLICE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

December 14, 2021

Meeting Minutes

Committee Members Present: John Springett, Richard Hewitt, Brian Williams

Others Present: Ron Lantz, Greg Jenkins, Sean Reeves, Diantha McKeel, Ann Mallek, Jeff Richardson, Kenneth Martin, Madison McNamee

Meeting called to order at 9:02am The Committee welcomed Board of Supervisor Ann Mallek and County Executive Jeff Richardson to the meeting.

John Springett made a motion to approve the October 12, 2021, meeting minutes and Brian Williams 2nd the motion all were in favor. The October 12, 2021, meeting minutes were approved.

Matters from the Public:

There were no matters from the public from the last CAC meeting, and no complaints have been received. Several accolades have come in since the last CAC meeting and one that stands out came in from an employee at the Miller School that was involved in a traffic crash. This individual sent an email thanking the officer that responded for spending so much time with them during the process and for being so courteous and thorough. The employee wanted the Chief to know that this officer left a positive impression on them of the Albemarle County Police Department.

The Department would like to remind everyone that the best way for public comment or to reach the Chief of Police, is to use the following email address askthechief@albemarle.org, which is located on the Citizens Advisory Committee website and the Police Department's website at www.albemarle.org.

New Business:

Major Sean Reeves discussed the People of Color presentation and what the Albemarle County Police Department has been doing over the years to make a difference. Major Reeves talked about building trust within Albemarle County's diverse community and that the Albemarle County Police Department does this by following the six pillars of 21st Century Policing. Some of the pillars consist of community policing and crime reduction, policy oversight, training and education of police officers, and police officer safety and wellness. The police department also went to geographic-based policing several years ago which divided the county into two districts: the Blue Ridge and Jefferson district. This allows us to have an officer in every sector of the county.

Some of the ongoing community events that the police department is involved in are:

- Putt-Putt with Police
- National Night Out
- Virginia Rules Summer Camp
- Southwood Community Involvement
- Latin Community Events, such as Sin Barreras, Charlottesville Sabroso and U-Visas
- Senior Community Events (safety and fraud presentations at nursing homes and the Senior Center, Triad, and the VFW)

Mr. Williams also mentioned the new 988 Mental Health Crisis and Suicide Prevention phone number for the community to use. This number was created for individuals that are suffering a mental health crisis to use as

opposed to calling 911. This diverts them from the criminal justice system and gets them to the appropriate services they need to help support them during their time of crisis. This number will go into effect sometime in 2022.

Mr. Williams was pleased to hear about the continued working relationship between the police department and the school safety officers.

A staffing update was also given to the committee. The department staffing level is authorized at 161 and the department currently has 18 open positions with 10 positions not filled at this time.

In other matters, Ms. Mallek brought up the concern of the number of drag racers starting to develop within the County and it was discussed that once the department can gather more information, they will investigate the matter.

John Springett made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Brian Williams 2nd the motion. The meeting adjourned at 10:01 am.