**Albemarle County Police Department**

**Community Advisory Committee**

**Tuesday, November 8, 2022**

**09:00 am**

**Committee Members Present:** Richard Hewitt, Maureen Deane, John Springett, Brian Williams, Tanishka Cruz

**Others Present:** Sean Reeves, Matthew Powers, and Abbey Stumpf

Richard Hewitt called the meeting to order at approximately 09:02 am

John Springett and Abbey Stumpf introduce themselves to all present

Richard Hewitt asked for a motion to approve the September 20, 2022, meeting minutes. Brian Williams approved the motion, Tanishka Cruz seconded the motion, and all were in favor. The September 20,2022 minutes were approved.

**Public Matters:**

Richard Hewitt asks Sean Reeves how and where a citizen could communicate any concerns or complaints to him and what challenges he has had.

Sean Reeves: we have two places on the ACPD website, ASK ACPD and Resident Service Request. Anyone can call our services department (staffed 24/7) to ask to speak with him. Depending on the situation, the citizen would be transferred to the Chief’s Department or Internal Affairs.

The recent release of the Virginia State Police Community Policing Report has brought in some negative responses, but it will be addressed in the PowerPoint.

On Friday, Dec 9, 2022, from 05:30-07:30, the Police Foundation will be holding a Holiday Party. Emails will be sent to members to have an opportunity to meet and interact with officers and other members. (No awards or speeches)

**New Business:**

Brian Williams presented information from the Mental Health Crisis public Awareness Campaign Summit on Oct 20-22 at Montpelier.

This event brought people across Virginia together to focus on how and what can be done to help people and the families of those in crisis.

Teen Summit (MOCCU & WOCCA)- to target kids in middle and high school.

- 105 kids participated

- Deep mental focus on the mental and physical health that impacts our children.

- Teachers received great feedback from the kids.

- 9-10 kids stayed for an extended period to continue conversations.

- How to provide services to a person in crisis to get immediate help from the

appropriate person/facility.

- Decrease law enforcement as a catch-all and go into the court system.

- We need to have a proactive system, not a reactive one.

Colonel Reeves speaks on the 988 system.

-Participants: Commonwealth Attorney’s office, Fire, Department of Social Services, Region 10, Emergency Communication Center, and Albemarle County Police

-988 is a system that immediately connects a person in crisis directly to the appropriate provider.

-This simplifies options for a person in crisis and their loved ones

-Ways to make the community aware of 988

-911 can forward the person in crisis

-Goal is to avoid jail for a person in crisis and the mental health community

Lt. M powers present and reviews Virginia Community Policing Report

-All agencies rely on the community policing report, but the community needs more detail on their specific agency #’s.

-There are many layers to the report, and there needs to be a better understanding of the demographics.

-Top 3 reasons for traffic fatalities- Speed, distractions, and DUI

Richard Hewitt asks Colonel Reeves what we are actively doing to stop violence from the city spilling over into the county.

-May we have had an increase in violence (North Hydraulic, 29 North, and Rio Rd)

-stolen vehicles (out of 27 stolen,26 have been located)

-Shots Fired

-3 juveniles were hit by gunfire

Juvenile gangs originating out of the city have moved out to the county

Over 40 African American juveniles have been linked to local gangs

-6 have been shot (nonfatal)

- motive is tit for tat

- Information held so further investigation, and search warrants would not be compromised

- Juvenile justice system laughed at by offenders

21 days to process and prosecute a case

Officers have worked 100 + hours investigating these cases

Some leaders in the community tell the juveniles (victims) not to talk to the police

John Springett-Has this affected the regular patrol 101

Colonel Reeves- officers on heightened alert/Albemarle County turning into an urban area

**Staffing and Morale:**

Colonel Reeves- The department numbers are up. The empty officer positions are now in the single digits.

Motion to adjourn by John Springett and second by Brian Williams. The meeting adjourned at 10:05