

**SUMMARY MINUTES FOR THE
POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

Chairperson Diane Kulik called the Police Community Relations Committee meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., at the ECU Willis Building, 300 East Fifth Street, (meeting room) Greenville, NC 27858.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Chairperson Diane Kulik asked for a motion for approval of the October 10, 2017 agenda.

Motion: Mr. Greg Rubel
Seconded: Mr. Jermaine McNair

The revised agenda were unanimously approved by the committee.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Chairperson Diane Kulik asked for the September 27, 2017 minutes to be approved at the November 14, 2017 meeting.

INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS / ROLL CALL:

Chairperson Diane Kulik provided opportunity for each committee member and city staff to introduce themselves.

MISSION OF COMMITTEE AND PURPOSE OF MEETING:

Chairperson Diane Kulik read the purpose of the meeting:

To serve as a liaison between the community and the police; to serve as an advocate for programs, ideas, and methods to improve relations between the community and the police; to disseminate information to the community and the City with regard to the state of relations between the community and the Greenville Police Department; to assist and promote the community education efforts concerning safety awareness and community and individual awareness.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jermaine McNair; Mayoral	Scott Snyder; District 4
Greg Rubel; District 3	Carol Bass; District 5
Diane Kulik; Chairperson, At-Large	

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Lennard Naipaul; District 2

CITY STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ted Sauls, Deputy Chief
Sgt. Dale Mills, Community Outreach

Sylvia Horne, Admin. Staff Support Specialist
Devinder Culver, Comm. Project Coordinator

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Kandie Smith

OTHERS:

Citizens

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Kandie Smith greeted everyone at the meeting. She welcomed the new Chief of ECU to the City of Greenville. She reminded everyone that the city was kicking off the Community Policing Week. Mayor Smith said the purpose of the week is to promote practices designed to advance public safety, strengthen police-community relations, and foster mutual trust and respect between law enforcement and citizens. Mayor Smith also spoke very highly of the Police Community Relations Committee for all of their hard work and dedication throughout their years of service. She encouraged the committee to continue to be dedicated and bring forth great topics and information.

Guest Speakers:

Jon R. Barnwell, ECU Chief of Police
Ted Sauls, Deputy Chief of Greenville Police
Bill Koch, Associate Vice Chancellor, ECU
Patricia Barfield, Associate Dean, ECU

Topic: "**Chat With The Chiefs**"

Jon Barnwell, ECU Chief of Police and Ted Sauls, Deputy Chief of Greenville Police both introduced themselves to the citizens and gave a brief overview of their job career with the Greenville Police Department and NC State.

Jon Barnwell, ECU Chief of Police and Ted Sauls, Deputy Chief of Greenville Police both discussed the following topics and elaborated on each topic into further details. The first topic they discussed was:

Body worn cameras - are good for check and balances; it is a way for the supervisors to conduct routine reviews of interaction with the public to assure that the officers all following policies and procedures.

CCTV Software – conduct active video patrolling: Thursday, Friday and Saturday night around the city center area.

Collaborative relationship - There is an awesome relationship between the city and the University. Working the Grind Line together - ECU Police Chief Jon Barnwell said if something like that were to occur (Texas Tech) on campus the shared network of resources between GPD and ECU police will only help. ECU Police Chief Jon Barnwell stated that jurisdiction expansion helps students and the community alike.

Halloween – The City and ECU works collaboratively. ECU have events on campus that intermingle with the city events downtown. The ECU buses are in integral part of getting students safely to the uptown celebration and back and forth to their homes.

Training - The City and ECU train together by using each other's building and officers. When each unit has a response; they will know how each unit respond because both units will have a sense of how each other operates. Each unit will follow in unison of each other while the page just to time so is all.

Active Shooter - Which has probably been on lot of people's mind lately. It is critically important to have a partnership together. ECU and the Greenville Police may have a different uniform, but will use the same tactics.

What are the profiles of an active shooter: an active shooter is an individual actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a confined and populated area, typically through the use of firearms.

Coping with an active shooter situation

Be aware of your environment and any possible dangers

Take note of the two nearest exits in any facility you visit

If you are in an office, stay there and secure the door

Attempt to take the active shooter down as a last resort

Personal Safety – Deputy Chief Sauls stated that personal safety is each citizen responsibility. Deputy Chief Sauls stated that it was not his responsibility or the police department because they cannot be with a citizen 24/7. It is each citizens responsibility "personally" to take care of themselves.

Situational Awareness – Deputy Chief Sauls stated that situational awareness is paying attention to your surroundings. "Who is a round you, where are you, what are the exits, and lastly always have an "OUT".

Preparation - paying attention to your intuition (hairs on the back of your neck). This can come from a glance from another person you're not familiar with or you walk into a room and something just doesn't feel right. Deputy Chief Sauls suggests that you pay attention to that little voice.

Recognition – Deputy Chief Sauls stated to recognize when there is danger and act upon it; also inform others.

Dial *HP (Highway Patrol) – (It only works in NC) If you are on the highway driving out in the country or outside the city limits and you see something such as: someone who is intoxicated, or someone having and medical emergency. You can dial *HP and a highway troop will be dispatched. Of course, you can still dial 911 as well.

Five Red Lights Locations – Charles and Arlington Blvd, Firetower and Arlington, Greenville Blvd and Arlington, South Memorial and Arlington, Redbanks and Arlington.

Personal Safety (Run, Hide, Fight – Is a program developed by the Department of Justice. Deputy Chief Sauls stated that there are three options for personal safety. It is when a person is presented with a violent situation. Whether it is workplace violence or a domestic situation a person has three choices: 1. Run – excavate or de-escalate yourself from the situation. 2. Hide – remove yourself and find a safe space. 3 Fight.

Deputy Chief Sauls gave a scenario of the room sitting. He stated the scenario has a lot to do with where the person is in relation to what is going on. If there is an exit in the violence is not between you and the exit. Then go to the exit. Get Out!!! If a person need to hide if they cannot run. To hide a person will need to find a place to barricade themselves, or find a small room, turn the lights off, take a chair and wedge it under the door handle, and stay quite. Deputy Chief Sauls stated that some people have a different perspective about fighting. Deputy Chief Sauls said car keys, a chair, and pepper spray all could be used to help to fight. But it is a personal decision that an individual must make peace with. It is the ultimate decision of a person to be willing fight for yourself and your family. Deputy Chief Sauls stated he could not make that decision for anyone. It would have to be their choice.

Personal Safety (Neighborhood Watch)

- Be a good neighbor - Chairperson Diane Kulik- encouraged everyone to be a good neighbor and to watch out for one another.
- Engage – Chairperson Diane Kulik encouraged the citizens to get to know their neighbors by going next door just to speak to them.
- Recognize and Report – Chairperson Diane Kulik reminded the citizens of the slogan, “if they see something, say something.”

Chairperson Diane Kulik passed out information on Neighborhood Watch. She read the definition of a Neighborhood Watch; which is a group of concerned residents that keep an eye on their street and are observant of the rest of the neighborhood. Chairperson Diane Kulik stated they started their neighborhood watch in 2002. She also passed out two other handouts: How to give a physical and vehicle description and how to respond to and active shooter.

Public Expression and Questions

The committee members and citizens asked several questions, and made comments and concerns regarding personal and campus safety, safety exits in rooms, intoxication, and citations and turn lanes.

Chairperson Diane Kulik asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Mr. Jermaine McNair

Seconded: Mr. Scott Snyder

The committee unanimously adjourned the meeting.

The next meeting is on November 14, 2017. Meeting place will be announced later.

ADJOURN – 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Horne

Administration Bureau Secretary, Greenville Police Department

