

NOTES

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Michael W. Cowin, Assistant City Manager 

DATE: September 4, 2019

SUBJECT: Materials for Your Information

Please find attached the following materials for your information:

1. A memo from Mark Holtzman, Chief of Police, regarding take home car policy
2. An agenda for the September 10, 2019 meeting of the Police Community Relations Committee and Minutes from the June 11, 2019 meeting

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Attachments



POLICE DEPARTMENT

Memorandum

To: Ms. Ann Wall, City Manager

From: Mark Holtzman, Chief of Police

Date: August 29, 2019

Subject: Take Home Car Policy

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The Greenville Police Department (GPD) plans to begin a Take Home Car policy, to be fully implemented by September 16, 2019.

After conducting a careful analysis of our current vehicle fleet, the needs of our department, and the expanding role officers are conducting in the field, we have reached the point where implementation of a Take Home Car policy for GPD is within reach. We have worked with the City's fleet manager to assess our current complement of vehicles which totals approximately 90% of our current vehicle needs. In general, the new Take Home Car policy will permit us to expand our retention of vehicles from five (5) to eight (8) years while at the same time reducing wear and tear commonly associated with shared vehicle programs. Extending the life of vehicle, along with improved accountability for vehicle maintenance, are just a few of the benefits for a Take Home Car program.

Employees will drive the same vehicle during their patrol shift which further improves safe vehicle operations under emergency conditions. Time savings at the beginning and end of each patrol shift will quickly add up to a positive benefit for the community as officers can check on-duty in a more efficient manner, no longer having to transfer the large amount of assigned police equipment from their personal vehicles to shared patrol cars. It will also provide increased visibility of patrol cars traveling through the city streets as officers return to work for court appearance or training during the week. Lastly, the pride of ownership experience by police officers who have a take home car is difficult to put into words, but most certainly will contribute to our retention and future recruiting efforts for police officers.

The parameters of this program are the employee must have obtained their general certification from the State, not be on disciplinary probation, have one year of continuous service with GPD, and live within 20 miles of the City limits.

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Deputy Chief Sauls will be reviewing the list of eligible employees and working with the Majors to make the needed adjustments for implementation. Thank you for your cooperation in reviewing this program and allowing the opportunity for it to become a reality.

GPD Mission Statement

The Greenville Police Department exists to enhance public safety and quality of life, in partnership with ALL people in OUR community, by preventing crime with honor and integrity.



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POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

CRIME PREVENTION, DETECTION, REPORTING AND RESPONSE: THE CRITICAL ROLE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS

When: Tuesday, September 10, 2019 - 6:30pm

Where: Greenville Police Department, First-floor Training Rooms

A look at the GPD's capabilities and the protocols for their application

Presenters/Panel

Virginia Bridwell	Surveillance cameras (including tour of GPD Communications facility)
Virginia Bridwell	911 crime reporting system
Major David Bowen	Shot spotter system
Officer Jonathan Young	Use of the GPD drone

Open forum – What the average citizen can do to assist in fighting crime

* Question and answer period after each of the presentations.



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POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE AGENDA

Tuesday, Sept 10, 2019, 6:30PM

500 S. Greene Street

Greenville Police Department, Greenville, NC.

Greenville, NC. 27835

- 1) Call to Order – Greg Rubel, Chair
- 2) Roll Call
- 3) Approval of the Agenda – Sept. 10, 2019
- 4) Approval of Minutes – June 11, 2019
- 5) State briefly the Mission of the Committee and purpose of the meeting
- 6) Topic: **CRIME PREVENTION, DETECTION, REPORTING AND RESPONSE:
THE CRITICAL ROLE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS**
- 7) Public Expression and Questions
- 8) Vote on amendment to the PCRC by-laws (“start time of regular meetings”)
- 9) ADJOURN

NOTE: To maintain order of the board and clarity of recording, please allow one person to speak at a time.

The Police Committee Relations Committee Mission Statement: 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.

SUMMARY MINUTES FOR THE POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

June 11th, 2019

Greg Rubel called the Police Community Relations Committee meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., at City Hall.

INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Greg asked committee members to introduce themselves; and explained that Gregory Barrett was unable to attend.

Committee members present:

Carol Ann Bass, District 5
Scott Snyder, District 4
Betsy Ray, Mayoral
Lennard Naipaul, District 2
Louis Warren, At-Large

City Staff Members present:

Sgt. Dale Mills	Officer D. Nock
Billie Jo Viverette	Capt. Carlton Williams
Donald K. Phillips	
Capt. Richard Tyndall	
Officer N. Bray	

Excused Absence

Gregory Barrett

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Carol Ann Bass made a motion; seconded by Louis Warren. The agenda was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion was made by Scott Snyder; seconded by Carol Ann Bass . The minutes were unanimously approved.

Greg Rubel read the mission statement. Louis Warren introduced the speaker, Capt. Tyndall and explained that he would be discussing the Center City areas and statistics.

Capt. Tyndall gave out copies of a crime stats report and discussed the stats on the different criminal activity. He discussed how the criminal activity has lessened and the stats have come down because of various elements that have been implemented.

He discussed the regular meetings that the Police Department has to plan for any issues or concerns that occur in the Center City areas. He explained how the number of citizens living in the uptown areas has grown rapidly; and how new businesses are coming in to the area as well. It was discussed how the Police Department is constantly updating policing strategies for the changes and growth that is taking place in uptown Greenville.

Capt. Tyndall informed every one of the new technology upgrades that have occurred in the uptown areas; such as new led lighting, more public safety cameras, and the new Shotspotter program that is being used in a partnership with several agencies.

There were questions and discussion about the number of overtime hours worked by officers so that the demands could be met for the uptown areas.

Capt. Tyndall was asked if the ShotSpotter program was successful so far. He explained that the program was absolutely successful. He stated it is because it has decreased response time considerably for shots fired calls. He also said that it has reduced the number of shots fired calls because the public is seeing how quickly officers are responding; and how quickly those calls are being resolved.

Greg thanked Capt. Tyndall and the Center City officers for coming and sharing with everyone.

There was discussion on changing the meeting times from 6:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Ideas for meeting topics and various location ideas were also discussed.

There will be a vote on changing the meeting time at the next meeting, September 10th, 2019.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Carol Ann; 2nd was made by Dr. Warren. Meeting was adjourned.