

City of Greenville Police Community Relations Committee

6:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 12, 2024 Greenville City Council Chambers 200 West Fifth Street Greenville, NC 27834

Committee Members Present:

Sonny Bass (Chair)	District 5
Diane Kulik (Vice Chair)	At-Large
Rev. Philip Lyon	Mayoral
Rosemary Johnson	District 3
Stacy Ruffin	District 4

Committee Members Absent/Excused:

Vacant	District 1
Eric Ellison	District 2

Council Liaison Absent: Council Member, Portia Willis

Others Present:

Assistant City Attorney, Donald K. Phillips, Staff Liaison Deputy Chief, Richard Tyndall Lt. William Stokes Community Projects Coordinator, Devinder Culver, Staff Liaison

Meeting Highlights

The Police Community Relations Committee (PCRC) meeting was officially called to order at 6:05 p.m. by the Committee Vice Chair, Diane Kulik as Sonny Bass had lost his voice. Diane welcomed everyone to the meeting and then asked Staff Liaison Devinder Culver to conduct the roll call. A quorum was established.

Vice Chairperson Diane Kulik asked for a motion for approval of the agenda. Rosemary Johnson made the motion and Sonny Bass seconded the motion. The agenda was approved unanimously.

Diane then asked for a motion to approve the minutes for September 10, 2024. Stacy Ruffin made a motion to approve the minutes. Sonny seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously as read.

Diane and Rosemary introduced Deputy Chief Richard Tyndall (DC Tyndall) and the topic for the evening, "2024 – Year in Review."

DC Tyndall thanked everyone for attending. He mentioned that crimes and crashes were the two main things that citizens asked about. DC Tyndall reminded everyone that a true yearly comparison of

crimes and crash data was not possible as 2024 data was incomplete because we still have two months to go.

Deputy Chief Tyndall mentioned that property crimes drove the crime in Greenville. He explained that crime data was divided into Part I and Part II Crimes. There are two categories of Part I Crimes, violent crimes and property crimes. Violent crimes included the following, criminal homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault. Property crimes are burglary, larceny theft, motor vehicle theft and arson. Part II offenses include all offenses that are not included in the Part I category.

DC Tyndall explained that yearly crime data is studied in addition to the five-year average. Examples of some of the crime statistics shared when compared to 2023 were as follows:

- violent crime was down by 8%
- gunshot incidents decreased by 22%
- gun seizures have increased
- property crimes decreased by 3%
- burglaries decreased by 7%

There was a question of case clearance rates and how Greenville Police Department compared with the National figures. DC Tyndall said that he had some figures form the Pew Research Center. Listed below are some of the clearance rates by type of case.

Type of Case/Crime	National	Greenville PD
Violent crime	37%	45%
Property crime	12%	23%
Homicides	52%	91%
Rape	26%	50%
Aggravated assault	41%	45%
Robberies	23%	41%
Burglaries	13%	21%
Larcenies	12%	24%
Motor vehicle theft	9.3%	21%

A short discussion about crashes ensued. DC Tyndall pointed out that almost everyone is impacted by traffic. Four civilian traffic crash investigators were added to help with minor traffic issues and thus free up the sworn officers for traffic enforcement activities.

ShotSpotter, drones and surveillance cameras were also topics of discussion. DC Tyndall highlighted the importance of drones and the partnerships with the FBI, SBI, ATF, DEA and other local police departments.

In closing DC Tyndall talked about the Real Time Crime Center which can share real time information with officers responding to an incident. Greenville Police Department is currently working on setting up a Center. This is an exciting development utilizing/maximizing the use of law enforcement technologies.

Diane expressed her gratitude to DC Tyndall for a wonderful presentation. Diane mentioned that the yearly planning meeting was scheduled for 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 10, 2024, in the City Hall Conference Room 337, 200 West Fifth Street, Greenville, NC 27834.

Diane asked for a motion to adjourn, Philip made a motion to adjourn, and Sonny seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Devinder Culver

Devinder Culver, Staff Liaison