

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

May 14, 2014  
Greenville, NC

The Police Community Relations Committee met at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 14, 2014 at the City Hall Building, third floor Gallery Room, 200 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Greenville, NC 27834.

The meeting began at 6:30 pm.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

Chairperson Shawan Sutton asked for a motion for approval of the May 14, 2014 agenda.

Motion: Ms. Belinda Perkinson  
Second: Mr. Richard Crisp

The agenda was unanimously approved by the committee.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

Chairperson Shawan Sutton asked for a motion for approval of the April 9, 2014 minutes.

Motion: Ms. Belinda Perkinson  
Second: Mr. Richard Crisp

The minutes were unanimously approved by the committee.

**INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Chairperson Shawan Sutton asked each member to introduce themselves and let everyone know which district they represented.

**MISSION OF COMMITTEE AND PURPOSE OF MEETING:**

Chairperson Shawan Sutton stated that the purpose of the Committee was:

- 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 community education efforts concerning safety awareness

and community and individual awareness.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Shawan Sutton; Chairperson, District 1	Richard Crisp; District 4
Lennard Naipaul; District 2	Aaron Lucier; District 5
Belinda Perkinson; District 3	

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Brian Paiz; At-Large	Marcus Jones; Mayoral

**CITY STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Captain Chris Ivey, Administration Bureau; Assistant City Attorney, Bill Little,; Sylvia Horne, Administration Services Support Specialist; Officer Jonathan Peterson, Center City Unit; Officer Joseph Simmons, Center City Unit.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

None

**OTHERS:**

None

**SPEAKER TOPIC:**

Geographic Deployment/New Units – Captain Chris Ivey, Greenville Police Department

Captain Chris Ivey introduced himself to the committee members and others that attended the PCRC meeting. He stated that he was going to discuss how the police dept. conducts the Geographic Zone approach and the way the police dept. is deploying the police officers. Prior to May 3<sup>rd</sup> the police dept. had four areas. Each area had an area commander and officers assigned to the area, and the area commander was responsible for a shift of officers that worked 12 hours and also the area commander was responsible for all the crime in the area. Now the city has been broken into 3 zones with 3 zone commanders being solely responsible for their zone and how to reduce crime in their area.

Geographic Zone Approach

**3 Geographic Zones and Center City**

- South (South Memorial & Greenville Blvd.) - Lt. Lucas
- East – (10<sup>th</sup> St., Greenville Blvd., Brook Valley, Charles Blvd.) Lt. Bowen
- West – Lt. Allsbrook
- Center City – (8 officers & one Sgt.) down town area. Lt. Tyndall and Sgt. Oxendine

The next topic Captain Ivey covered was: **Zone Commander/Watch Commander**

He stated that the zone commander's do not run a patrol shift, they look at crime that is going on in the zone and from there they make plans on how to reduce crime. 24-7 and

365 days of the year there is a watch commander. Cpt. Ivey stated watch commanders are different from zone commanders because the watch commander is solely responsible when he or she is working his or her 12 hour shift for those officers that are working that 12 hour shift and anything that is going on all over the city at that time.

Captain Ivey stated that there are several different initiatives that the police dept. uses to fight crime. One initiative is called:

**CRIAS (CRIME REDUCTION INITIATIVE AREAS)** – are basically 750 sq. feet blocks that have been mapped; method is called fish net mapping. The police dept. takes data of part I crime murder, rape, robbery, larceny, shoplifting, and aggravated assault) have occurred for the last three years and map it on the map and the police dept. takes the last six months and overlay over the three years and shows a micro hotspot on the 750 sq foot block. That is how the police dept. is able to attack where the crime is occurring in the city. In January 2013 is when the police dept. completed the 1<sup>st</sup> fish net mapping, there were 31 or 32 CRIAS in the city. After the 1<sup>st</sup> 6 months of mapping and re-evaluating the mapping the police dept. could see if they had gotten rid of any hot spots and to see if any other hot spots had popped up in the area. Cpt. Ivey stated that by sending an officer to the hotspot to make contact with a citizen, write a ticket, make an arrest, conduct an interview, use foot or bicycle patrol or just be proactive for 10 minutes; this will make a residual effect on crime for 2 to 4 hours in that area. By taking these initiatives the CRIAS for last year were reduced from 32 to 13.

Captain Ivey mentioned the **High Point Model** – This model is where the police dept. identifies people who are causing problems within the city. They will bring them into the station and the criminal will get a chance to meet the officers and have a meeting with them. At that point the criminal will be informed by the officers that they are aware of what they are doing out in the streets and community. They are told that if they commit any crimes the police dept would bring full force of the penal system down on them. It is all encompassing program that includes: the district attorney, probation and parole, police officers, and community resources to help the person change their life style by offering them training to help them to find a job.

The next topic Cpt. Ivey discussed was called **DDACTS (Data Driven Approaches to Crime in Traffic Safety)**. Cpt. Ivey stated that when he was working in the Field Operations Bureau he had the crime analysis to run the 10 top locations for the crashes in the City of Greenville. It was a charge given to him by Chief Aden because Greenville had entirely too many car crashes. Cpt. Ivey stated that there were 5,400 crashes in the year of 2012. Once Cpt. Ivey got the number and the locations of where the crashes were occurring, he immediately brought the traffic supervisors in and discussed with them placing officers on the locations (Arlington Blvd.) and enforcing the traffic laws. Cpt. Ivey stated by doing this simple task; it reduced traffic crashes by 5% from 2012 to 2013.

The next topic Cpt. Ivey discussed was called: **New Units**. Cpt. Ivey stated there have been a lot of changes in the police dept. There is now a unit called TAC (Tactical Anti-

Crime Unit). It is made up of eight people. (one Sgt., one Cpl., and six officers). It is completely made up of SWAT team operators. The officers are specially tasked in the hotspots to eradicate crime in the hotspots and to help the inner city unit in the downtown area every other weekend.

The next topic Cpt. Ivey discussed was called: **Center City**. Cpt. Ivey stated that the officers wear blue shirts as uniform. The officers are on bikes, segways, foot, cars, and they are on the greenways during the day and night. They work downtown and form partnerships with business owners and other stakeholders to facilitate making downtown safe and conducive to economic development in the center city.

The next topic Cpt. Ivey discussed was called: **Gang Unit**. He stated that the gang unit was not new, but the police dept. had completely refocused the gang unit. They work with the TAC unit. They are now doing more street level suppression and they still do some detective type work, but they are out on the street interacting with gang members and doing interventions to prevent violence.

Cpt. Ivey briefly discussed: **Focus Deterrence**.

Cpt. Ivey asked the committee members if they had any further questions or comments regarding the topics that were discussed. He also informed the committee that they could call him anytime. Lastly he thanked all the members for coming out to the meeting.

Chairperson Shawan Sutton stated that she reviewed from the minutes that the PCRC meetings were being considered becoming “centralized” to the City Hall Building. She wanted to request that “District 1” meeting to remain at (IGCC) Lucille W. Gorham Inter Generational Community Center; because it promotes community engagement and support. Other than that one meeting she was not opposed to having the other meetings centralized.

Mr. Crisp stated that he felt that the next meeting with the topic of Focus Deterrence/Youth Initiatives meeting should be held at a school so that the attendance could possibly be better.

Ms. Perkinson stated she didn’t mind the meetings being centralized as well, because her district was nearby. She commented on how good the participation was at the Intergenerational Center.

Chairperson Shawan Sutton also announced that on (IGCC) day along with Code Enforcement Spring Clean-Up. There was a total of 863 participates.

## **Public Expression and Questions**

How much of the information regarding Hotspots published?

Median safety (center & suicide lane) how much does it help reduce crime?

Ask if they felt the Governor's initiative to cut down on underage drinking is going to give the police officers advantage?

Committee members & staff went into a small discussion about the ABC laws.

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