

ACC Community Police Advisory Board Development Task Force

Thursday, April 30, 2020

Committee Members Present:

Mokah-Jasmine Johnson, Co-Chair
Mykeisha Ross
Dr. Sarah Shannon
Phillip Smith
Nikema Stovall

Committee Members Absent:

Shane Sims, Co-Chair
Jaivious Collins
Fabian Jones
Beto Mendoza
Joan Prittie

Staff:

Manager Blaine Williams, Manager's Office
Chief Cleveland Spruill, Police Department
Sherrie Hines, Attorney's Office
Lt. Harrison Daniel, Police Department
Jeff Montgomery, Public Information Office
Joseph D'Angelo, Geospatial Information Office
Sarah George, Manager's Office- Recorder

The meeting began at 1:05 p.m. A quorum was not present at the meeting, so no official action was taken.

Manager Williams announced that Mayor Girtz has appointed Mokah-Jasmine Johnson and Shane Sims as Co-Chairs for the Task Force.

Police Department Presentation

Chief Cleveland Spruill and Lt. Harrison Daniel, with the Athens-Clarke County Police Department, presented an overview to the Task Force about the Police Department and some of their operations and procedures.

This presentation included information regarding:

- Police Services;
- Accreditation, Standards, and Training Processes;
- Summary of 2019 Data on Departmental Activities; and
- Discussion of Oversight and Quality Assurance Processes.

Lt. Daniel noted that some of the key services they provide include community problem solving through community-oriented policing and the Community Liaison program, operational policies and procedures through call response, investigations, arrests, reporting, and personnel, and oversight and management processes through standards, accreditations, and training, as well as through review of complaints and internal investigations. Lt. Daniel explained that every officer receives training on Fair and Impartial Policing, Crisis Intervention Team (CIT), and Integration Communications, Assessment, and Tactics, in addition to use-of-force training.

Lt. Daniel also provided some 2019 aggregate data from on training hours for staff and a drill down of the number of citizen contacts, the number of citations were issued, the number of arrests made, number of use-of-force incidents, and the number of complaints received. He then provided a breakout of the aggregate totals of complaints received by type of complaint, categorized as service / conduct, policy & procedural, criminal / integrity, excessive force, and bias-based policing. He also described the role of Internal Affairs, the use-of-force report and review process, and the complaint / discipline process.

Chief Spruill noted that he would be providing the Task Force with additional materials at the conclusion of the meeting.

Options Available Through ACCGov for Surveying

Joseph D'Angelo provided information to the Task Force regarding two options for deploying surveys that ACCGov uses. One option is using Civic Plus, ACCGov's website platform, and the other is Survey 123 for ArcGIS. He explained that both platforms would be able to provide some basic analytics and have export functions that will allow the Task Force to perform deeper analyses if desired. He also caution the Task Force that in the case of both of these platforms, the survey results would be accessible to either Jeff Montgomery or himself, depending on the platform chosen. If the Task Force wishes to use either platform, he noted they would be able to set up the survey and provide a link to it. Both platforms operate on any internet browser and do not require a unique sign-in. They are also both relatively anonymous; however, both systems likely collect an IP address. This information is not something they would access.

If the Task Force does not want the survey to have any affiliation with ACCGov, there are third-party software platforms that could be used. If this route is taken, however, Joseph advised staff would be unable to assist with creating the survey due to unfamiliarity. Jeff Montgomery added that both platforms do have an association with ACCGov, and would like have an ACCGov URL as part of the address.

Schedule/Agenda Changes

The next meeting of the ACC Police Advisory Board Development Task Force is scheduled for June 10, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. and will be held virtually due to COVID-19.

The meeting concluded at 2:35 p.m.

The recording of this meeting can be accessed on YouTube at the following link:

<https://youtu.be/eZx2vjhiuR8>.