

MINUTES



Chief's Community Advisory Committee

Wednesday, February 16, 2022 | 12:00

FCPS Community Room

1. OPENING

- Please know we will still hold committee meetings, even if only one person is available to come.
- Reminder that if you'd like police staff/officers to come to a group meeting, event, etc. please let Chief know.

2. NEW BUSINESS

- 2022 Topic Ideas
 - Mental Health
 - Traffic
 - Scope and Purpose of Law Enforcement
 - Equity Indicator Study
 - When Do You/Don't You Call the Police for Assistance
 - Further Destigmatizing the Role of Officers
 - Rise in Drug Trafficking, Overdoses
- Group Feedback
 - Committee members stated they have benefitted from being part of the committee and are learning a lot more about law enforcement. They also stated that they have had opportunities to share the information they are learning with friends, groups they are part of, and colleagues.
 - The committee agreed that holding meetings once a month at the same scheduled time is good for 2022.
- The next meeting topic will be drug trafficking and the impact of illegal drugs in the community.

3. COMMITTEE QUESTIONS AND FEEDBACK

- One committee member asked if FCPS provides intern opportunities.

- Assistant Chief Kristy Volesky answered that we do, but it was paused due to COVID. The agency is hoping to get that back up and running soon.
- Assistant Chief Tim Doran stated that we hope to have paid internship opportunities at some point in the future as well.
- A committee member asked about the rates of serious bodily injury and fatality traffic collisions, especially regarding bikers and pedestrians.
 - Assistant Chief John Feyen responded that generally, our rates are low, but we are seeing a large uptick to what we refer to as vulnerable populations (i.e., pedestrians, bicyclists, folks on scooters). He stated that the data is hard to make connections out of due to varying details (time of day, were they in or out of the crosswalk, who is at fault, what intersection it occurred at, etc.).
 - FCPS, and the City, are looking hard at how they can impact this issue. This isn't just a police problem; we have traffic engineers with the City who are also working to help us and it is very much a concern for City Council.
 - Currently there are four red-light cameras and two camera-radar (speed monitoring) vehicles, and we are hoping to add two more camera radar vehicles soon.

4. AGENCY UPDATES

5. OPEN DISCUSSION