

Citizen Advisory Board for Fair and Impartial Policing
Meeting Minutes
Monday October 10th, 2016 at 6:30pm
City Hall, City Commission Chambers
6 E. 6th Street
Lawrence, KS 66044

Board Members Present

Baha Safadi
Nicole Rials
Jo Anderson
Adrian Jones

Board Members Absent

Laura Canelos-Ramon
Misty Nuckolls

Lawrence Police Department Staff Present

Captain Trent McKinley
Captain Anthony Brixius

Meeting Called To Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm with a welcome on behalf of the Board by Board Chair, Baha Safadi. Members of the Board introduced themselves along with the Lawrence Police Department staff that was present.

Review of Minutes:

Meeting minutes from the August 8th 2016 meeting were received and reviewed. A motion to accept the meetings was given by Adrian Jones and seconded by Jo Anderson. Motion passed.

Racial Profiling and Taser Use Reports:

Captain McKinley reported there were no new racial profiling complaints. There is an active investigation by the Attorney General's Office of one complaint. Representatives of the AGO visited the Lawrence Police Department and interviewed officers; however, there were no immediate updates and no specified timeline on the investigative process. Cpt. McKinley will keep the Board informed of any developments.

Captain McKinley reported there is one Taser deployment that is being reviewed by the Use of Force Committee. This review is still pending and is currently not ready for the Board's review. Cpt. McKinley will keep the Board informed of any developments.

Board Discussion Items:

A. Captain Anthony Brixius provided feedback from questions raised by community members during the August 8th meeting public comments. Cpt. Brixius provided information regarding:

- The racial and gender demographic of the Lawrence Police Department
- The current and ongoing examination of the recruitment and hiring and training process for new applicants including the efforts of recruitment of minority applicants.
- The use of the National Police Officer Selection Test during the review and hiring process of applicants.
- The Taser use policy which is continually under review to assure the standards of safety and care are met.
- Overview of the LPD Use of Force Committee which consist of a Captain, 2 Sergeants, and several officers with various disciplines, training and experiences.
- The unique needs of those with mental illness and the Kansas Care and Treatment Act allows officers to take a person into custody for a mental health evaluation if it is determined that person is a danger to themselves or others due to the symptoms of their mental illness.
- The Department's increasing usage of social media. .

B. Law Enforcement Community Dialog Dinner

The dinner is pending planning by Lawrence Alliance Board.

C. Advisory Board Website

The Board continues to consider options to increase the use of social media. Cpt. McKinley reports that the City of Lawrence recently reconstructed its web-site and it is not currently known the resources this will establish for Advisory Boards. Once developed, the City government will need to approve materials posted on the City site. If the Board chooses to monitor a separate site, it will be maintained by the Board. The Board will also consider a Face Book site.

Public Comments:

The Board allowed for public comments during which there were clarifications made by Captain Brixius regarding the role of the Office of Professional Accountability, potential outcomes of investigations, and the scope of training opportunities for officers.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:13 pm.