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Community Policing Advisory Group Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2024

I. Call to Order

Captain Nick Leger called to order the Community Policing Advisory Group meeting at 4:30 at the LPD West Building Conference Room.

II. Roll Call

The following persons were present: Valerie Roberts, Josh Campbell, Kylie Kidd, Nick Leger, Adam Sexton, Tony Martin, John Keegan, Bryan Williams, Ryan Zuidema, Brenda Farmer, Ken Edwards, Tim Clements, Terrick Moyer, Rebekah Melton

III. New Business

Captain Leger stated topics to be covered in meeting: November 1 through December 31, 2023 Use of Force Incidents, Complaints and Allegations of Misconduct.

Summary of Use of Force Incidents was presented by Lt. Adam Sexton, Captain Joshua Campbell and Captain Tim Clements. 6 Use of Force incidents involving 15 officers, 4 demeanor complaints involving 4 officers, and 1 allegation of misconduct.

Chief Zuidema reviewed the officer involved shooting incident from November 10, 2023.

Chief Zuidema presented a live cam video of the new building site. The first and second floor of the building is framed. The third floor is approximately 50% framed. February 25, 2025 is slated to be the completion and move in date.

Chief Zuidema relayed that 10 to 15 license plate readers will be placed on fixed poles throughout the city of Lynchburg to help with location of wanted suspects and stolen vehicles. ShotSpotter-like software will be implemented to triangulate where shots are fired. There was a discussion about the future for drones as a first responder tool to be used as another resource for the department to provide more accurate information on calls and for the safety of the officers.

City Council will be presented with a proposal to assist in the mental health issue. Through the funding of 2 grants, 1 officer and 1 mental health clinician will be hired to work as a team in the hopes of cutting down on ECO times.

In December 3 out of state officers completed their Option 5 Academy training and ten recruits were sworn in. There are 10 recruits in the current academy class.

Chief Zuidema and Lt. Sexton stated a significant reduction in crime due to the implementation of stratified policing. The second season of stratified policing begins 1/9/24.

IV. Adjournment

Captain Nick Leger adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: VWR

Minutes approved by: NAL