

**CITY OF MONONA
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Conference Room
5211 Schluter Road
Wednesday- June 24, 2020**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order: Chair Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm

2. Roll Call:

Committee Members Present: Thomas (ZOOM-Conference Room), Moore (ZOOM), Hanson (ZOOM-Conference Room), Bisbee (ZOOM), Fontaine (ZOOM), Reed (ZOOM), Rehberg (ZOOM), Miley (ZOOM), Henderson (ZOOM)

Committee Members Absent: none

Staff Present: Police Chief Ostrenga (ZOOM), Interim Fire Chief Eklof (ZOOM), Police Lieutenant Deuman (ZOOM), and Director of Administrative Services Leah Kimmell (ZOOM-Conference Room).

Others Present: none

3. Minutes: A motion was made by Fontaine, seconded by Moore, to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2020 meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

4. Appearances:

Gillian Fink, 6307 Westgate. Think about loved ones. Policies need to be inspected and changed.

Mary Delaney, 5108 Mesa. Works for Legal Action Wisconsin. At the request of Alder Shilling submitted a proposal for police reforms.

Carol Rubin, 5112 Arrowhead. Was across the street on her porch watching the incident from June 2nd unfold. Why were guns still drawn after she talked to the 2nd officer? Did not like the officer's comment "Sorry we ruffled your feathers".

Chad Speight, 3905 Monona Dr.

Kristie Goforth Shilling, 4515 Gordon Ave. Referenced the Resolution approved by the Council on June 15th. Proponent of a citizen's committee.

Simone DeVore, 403 Stone Terrace. Support wording changes and the Campaign Zero "8 can't wait" proposals. Questions about handcuffing, use of force and violent behavior. Would like to see data.

Amelia Speight, 4209 Winnequah Rd., Concerned about violence during police interactions and stress. Think beyond the "8 can't wait". Create new positions without weapons to deal with non-criminal events.

Dave Beebe, 4647 Tonyawatha. Very angry about the Arrowhead incident. Root problem is cultural and the police culture. Supports defunding the police.
Larry Reed, PSC member, 5602 Winnequah Rd. Only African American on the PSC. Would like to know the procedures for pulling guns out at the scene. Referenced a book by former Madison Police Chief David Couper called “Arrested Development.”
Nance Moore, PSC member, 4505 Winnequah Rd. Thanks to everyone who is appearing tonight. Mentioned Josh Peterson and a special oversight commission.
Chris Henderson, PSC member, 4319 Winnequah Rd. Appreciates transparency from PD.
Dennis Hanson, PSC member, 6109 Queens Way. Spent 32 years with DOJ Training and Standards. 2020 marks the 50th anniversary of the effort to professionalize law enforcement.

Appearance section closed at 6:56 pm.

5. Unfinished Business:

None

6. New Business:

a) Discussion/Action on City of Monona Resolution 20-6-2419 Commitment Of Action In Response To 6-2-20 Police Call

Chair Thomas led the discussion on Resolution 20-6-2419.

1. There were no updates on having the incident investigated by an independent, outside organization.
2. Review of Police training methods to ensure implicit racial bias will be discussed more in-depth at future meetings. Chief Ostrenga reported that officers do have some training during the academy (two four-hour blocks). The School District has offered to include the Monona and Cottage Grove police departments to the training they provide their staff.
3. Review police policies, procedures, and training methods, including, but not limited to, use of body cameras, use of force, and de-escalation practices. This area is going to be discussed during 6.b) “8 can’t wait”.
4. Organize ongoing community conversations, facilitated by professionals, to raise awareness of racial biases that exist within the community, and how we can address them. Needs to include the business community along with the residential community.

Comments:

Reed: reviewing the Atlanta incident, officers should be prohibited from shooting at fleeing persons.

Henderson: What’s the time frame for this task? An ongoing process.

Moore: #3 should be a holistic review, not just the “8 can’t wait”
Miley: Need data for future meetings.

b) Discussion/Action on Review of “8 can’t wait” Comparison with Monona Police Policy.

Chief Ostrenga did a comparison of the “8 can’t wait” proposals with the current policy and procedures and general orders.

1) *Ban Chokeholds & Strangleholds.* The Monona Police Department does not, nor has it ever, trained in chokeholds, strangleholds or any other similar techniques. This technique is not part of the State of Wisconsin Defensive and Arrest Tactics (DAAT) curriculum.

Specific wording that would ban chokeholds & strangleholds needs to be added to policy.

2) *Require De-escalation.* The term de-escalation is fairly new wording for something officers have always done in the past. That is to use their presence and dialog to defuse situations through professional communications. De-escalation training takes place at all of our in-service DAAT scenarios.

Covered under Use of Force General Order 5.01, specific “de-escalation” wording needs to be added to the policy.

3) *Require Warning Before Shooting.* Covered under G.O. 5.01

"Whenever safety permits and time allows, officers shall identify themselves and state their intent to shoot prior to using a firearm." It's quite common when training on the range officers are instructed to verbally yell out "Police, drop the weapon" prior to firing.

4) *Require Exhausting all Alternatives Before Shooting.* Covered under Policy 2.000 and G.O. 5.01

Deadly force is employed as a last resort to prevent death or great bodily harm.

Officers shall use only the minimum amount of force that is reasonably necessary to perform his/her duties.

Definition of DEADLY FORCE: The intentional use of a firearm or other instrument, the use of which would result in a high probability of death or great bodily harm.

Definition is up to date in G.O. 5.01, but needs to be updated in the replacement for Policy 2.000.

5) *Duty to Intervene*. Covered under G.O. 1.04

Covered under our code of conduct 1.04 Intervention 44.a)(2).

Wording to be updated and also added to the Use of Force section.

6) *Ban Shooting at Moving Vehicles*. Covered under Policy 2.000

Prohibited unless in self-defense or defense of other lives.

7) *Require Comprehensive Reporting*. Covered under Policy 2.000

A use of force report is required for any incident where an officer uses physical force, weapons, items, or devices against any person. This includes pointing a firearm at an individual. These are summarized in our monthly and annual reports.

8) *Require Use of Force Continuum*. Covered under Policy 2.000 and G.O. 5.01

Policy and training are consistent with this. Deadly force is clearly restricted to extreme situations, and the use of specific tools/techniques is specifically restricted in policy. Officers are trained in a manner consistent with the State of Wisconsin's DAAT curriculum (as required by the State). The DAAT system incorporates an

After much discussion on this topic, Chief Ostrenga will review and update the Use of Force General Orders 5.01, 5.02 and 5.03 for the next PSC meeting.

c) Discussion/Action on 2021 Capital Budgets for Police/Dispatch/Fire/EMS

Chief Eklof reviewed the 2021 Capital Budget items for the Fire Department and EMS.

Chief Ostrenga reviewed the 2021 Capital Budget items for the Police Department and Dispatch.

A 2nd reading will take place at the next PSC meeting prior to moving this item on to the Mayor.

7. Review Monthly Financial Reports: Law Enforcement, Fire Protection, Emergency Communications and Ambulance.

Chief Ostrenga did not run the report for this meeting, but generally all budgets should be within the annual percentages for this time of year.

8. Discussion of future agenda items.

- Past use of force data. Is it available by race?
- Dane County Criminal Justice Council report.

9. Reports:

Fire: Chief Eklof indicated calls had dropped and ambulance revenue is down. Andrew Buckingham has resigned for another position that is strictly EMS. Paid on call member that had contracted COVID-19 has recovered.

Police: Chief Ostrenga indicated that there was a shots fired call at the AmericInn right around 6 pm tonight, a press release will be issued later tonight. As an example of the drain on resources for mental health cases, we had a call with a new resident who had only been in Monona for 1 hour and had to be conveyed to Winnebago Mental Health on an Emergency Detention

Building Inspection: No report.

Police and Fire Commission: Member Fontaine reported they will be meeting again next Tuesday to interview Fire Fighter candidates and discuss the Fire Chief position.

10. Next meeting date: July 22, 2020

11. Adjournment: Motion was made by Fontaine, seconded by Miley, to adjourn. Motion approved unanimously at 8:39 pm.