

**CHIEF'S ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 2018, 7:00 PM – HYDRANGEA ROOM**

**AGENDA**

Welcome	Chief DeVaul
Old Business	
Introduction of visitors	
Overview of Criminal Investigations Division (CID)	A/Lt. Charles Hoetzel
Civilian Participation on Police Law Enforcement Bill of Rights (LEOBR) hearing boards Discussion	Chief DeVaul Elizabeth Wallace
Public Safety Citizens Advisory Committee, Neighborhood Contact Manual, 2003	Chief DeVaul Fred Schultz
Roundtable Discussion	Board Members
Questions/Comments	Board Members
Adjourn	
Next Meeting:	September 20, 2018 Hydrangea Room

## MINUTES

**Present:** Chief DeVaul, Cathy Plevy, Stephen Saletta, Paul Weeda, Tom Morris (by phone), Christy Lopez and Juan Torres.

**Absent:** Aimee Neeley, Andy Kelemen, Barre Bull, David de Voursney, Geneva Green, Jane Yamaykin and Mitch Weatherly.

**Guests:** Elizabeth Wallace, Fred Schultz and Malcolm Williams

**Guest Speaker:** Sgt. Charles Hoetzel, Special Assignment Team (SAT)

The Chief asked the guests to introduce themselves.

Paul Weeda kicked us off by talking about Council member Kacy Kostiuk (Ward 3) requesting more information about Metro Counts. We can talk more about it at the next meeting.

Sgt. Hoetzel discussed an overview of the Criminal Investigations Division and specifically his unit, the Special Assignment Team (the plainclothes unit).

Fred Schultz mentioned that some of the residents would prefer not to call police for small things; for instance, abandoned vehicles. **We have a system in place called GovQA (a/k/a My TkPk) and it can be accessed by going to the web site [www.takomaparkmd.gov](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov) and clicking on services at the top and then MyTkPk - it's there they can write concerns, problems, complaints, etc. Not only police related ones, but for any of the branches, i.e., public works, library, etc.**

There was a discussion on educating people on when to call the police for suspicious situations and what constitutes “suspicious.” Education is key. We need to educate people more on this issue.

The Chief announced that we have been approved for a new Community Outreach Officer. That person will be able to concentrate solely on community outreach projects.

Elizabeth had a great idea for when we do our first Coffee with a Cop. Since some officers are not as social as others when it comes to “meet and greets,” perhaps have a buddy/resident who is familiar with the officer and the neighborhood be there to help make the interaction smoother.

The Chief shared with the Board the police officer shift changes that went into place soon after he became Chief. Where we used to have four rotating shifts from day/night, we now have two permanent day and night shifts and the other two shifts still rotate. The officers seem very happy with this new shift structure.

There is also a re-structure that is going on within the department regarding rank & divisions, but it’s still in process.

There was some discussion about House Bill 1016, Public Safety and Policing, which seeks to add civilian(s) to police trial boards. Elizabeth handed out the literature on it. The Chief asked that everyone read it and come back to discuss it more at the next meeting in September. This would be a multi-jurisdictional project. There would need to be the creation of a large civilian pool. The union would need to be involved. Also within the literature was a discussion about the mediation program between officers and complainants in the community and how resolution seemed to be advantageous to both in this type of program for closure.

There was also discussion about the Neighborhood Safety Contact (NSC) plan and literature was also provided on this to read and review prior to the next meeting. Think about it if should be re-implemented – bring your thoughts and opinions to next meeting.

Juan mentioned that the bushes are high on Elm and it's a challenge to residents.

Paul mentioned that it's important to neighbors to have more enforcement on Poplar/4<sup>th</sup>.

**Goals for next meeting:**

Will work with City TV to be able to Facetime the meeting with Tom Morris.

Review the House Bill 1016, Public Safety and Policing and the Neighborhood Safety Contact (NSC) plan and be ready to discuss more and give thoughts and opinions. **(If you were absent and would like these documents scanned and emailed to you, please let me know).**

We will serve food/drinks at next meeting.

Bring any issues you have to discuss at roundtable.

**REMINDER:** The next meeting will be on September 20, 2018.

Have a great summer!!

*\*The minutes are not verbatim as the meeting is not transcribed by a certified stenographer.\**

Ended: 9:30 pm