

BOWIE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE!



Minutes of the September 22, 2021 (Virtual Meeting)

Meeting called to order: 7:37 pm by the Chair

Attendance:

Del Billings, Chair
Bill Healy, Member
Bill Grayson, Member
Monica Best-James, Member
Jeffrey Cooper, Member
Ronnie Gill, Member

Excused:

Jill Hochman, Vice Chair
Jackie Rhone, Member

Ad Hoc Members

Deputy Chief Preston, BPD

Guests:

Captain Bob Iman, MSP
Lt. George White, MSP
Lt. John Hill, MSP
Langston Clay
Tameka Washington
Arthur Washington

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Approval of June Minutes: Motion by Monica Best-James, seconded by Bill Healy to accept the minutes. Approved.

Reports:

Maryland State Police—Metro Troop Commander Captain Bob Iman

- Captain Iman presented a slide presentation.
- Bowie is served by 2 Barracks, north of Rt. 50 is handled by the College Park Barrack (Lt. John Hill) and south of Rt. 50 is handled by the Forestville Barrack (Lt. George White)
- In 2021 42% of the fatalities for the entire Washington Metro Troop have occurred on either 495 or Route 50.
 - MSP has handled 2 fatalities on Rt 3/301 in 2021
 - 1 - Crain Highway @ Route 50 (March 2021)
 - 2 - Crain Highway @ Harbour Way (April 2021)
- MSP Patrols US Route 50, US 301/3, and Route 214
 - Minimum Manpower for Forestville is 3
 - Minimum Manpower for College Park is 2
- Mutual aid agreements can only be made with the County.

Police Department Report – Deputy Chief Dwayne Preston

- Police Department Report to the City Council is scheduled for October 4
- New PGPD Division Commander is Major Brian Drum
- FDA has formally approved the Pfizer COVID Vaccine
 - Bowie employees who interact with the public must be vaccinated by September 22

- Four PD personnel not to vaccinated
- Staffing down with 6 vacancies
- October 9 Bike Ride highlighting Domestic Awareness/Prevention is scheduled
- Thefts from autos and stolen autos still a problem--Bowie is “easy pickings”
- Met with the Principal of Bowie High School to discuss various initiatives and issues
- IMPACT – continuing to develop the program
- Calls for service have tripled in the past 10 years

Bowie Public Safety Committee

- Copies of the slides and information on accident statistics will be sent to PSC members
- IMPACT- continue to meet with outreach coordinators and identify HOAs.
- Request to invite Prince George County Police Division 2 Commander to our next meeting.

Next meeting: October 27, 7:30 pm (virtual meeting)

Motion to Adjourn: Motion made to extend the meeting by 15 minutes passed. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded–Unanimously passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:19 pm.