

BOWIE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE!



Minutes of the October 27, 2021 (Virtual Meeting)

Meeting called to order: 7:32 pm by the Chair

Attendance:

Del Billings, Chair
Bill Healy, Member
Bill Grayson, Member
Monica Best-James, Esq. Member
Jeffrey Cooper, Member
Ronnie Gill, Member
Jill Hochman, Vice Chair
Langston Clay

Excused:

Jackie Rhone, Member

Ad Hoc Members

Deputy Chief Preston, BPD
Shelemia Griffiths, Chair, Youth Council

Guests:

Capt. Sean Burroughs, PGPD
Captain Matt Snyder, PGPD
Lt. George White, MSP
Tameka Washington
Bakir Lawson

Meeting Called to Order: 7:37 pm

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

Reports:

Prince George County Police—Captain Snyder and Captain Burroughs

- PGPD now broken into Divisions rather than Districts
- Division 2 Commander is Major Brian Drum
- Division 2 has 140 sworn Officers
- Captain Burroughs is in charge of Investigations and Captain Snyder is in charge of Patrol
- PGPD has concurrent jurisdiction with the Maryland State Police and Bowie Police Department
- Conducted brief discussion regarding the 6 Flag incident
- Auto thefts and break-ins remain a problem in the County and Division

Police Department Report – Deputy Chief Dwayne Preston

- Police Department Report to the City Council was made October 4, no specific issues except for staffing shortages
- Officers have made an increase in fire arms arrests and confiscated a number of illegal firearms
- Participated in the Maryland Chief’s Convention in Ocean City
- A Trading Places program will be held on November 9 at the Bowie High School
- BPD is planning to host a series of Town Hall Meeting
 - Will be held as neighborhood meetings

- Approximately 1 per month

Bowie Public Safety Committee

- IMPACT- Bill G reported on the IMPACT program
 - Issues involve how to have an effective outreach to citizens,
 - How to contact Home Owners Associations
 - How to contact areas that do not have HOAs, primarily Levitt Bowie subdivisions
 - How to reach schools and school age persons
 - Use of Nextdoor, Bowie electronic notices
- Discussion on how the PSC can assist in posting safety information/awareness of issues

Motion: A motion was made and seconded to reschedule the November meeting to Tuesday, November 23 rather than Wednesday, November 24 due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. Motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting: November 23, 2021 at 7:30 pm (virtual meeting)

Motion to Adjourn: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Monica Best-James and seconded by Bill Healy. Unanimously passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm.