

BOWIE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE!



Minutes of the April 27, 2022 (Virtual Meeting)

Meeting called to order: 7:30 pm by the Chair

Attendance:

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

Excused:

Jackie Rhone, Member
Ronnie Gill, Member

Ad Hoc Members

Deputy Chief Preston, BPD
Council Member Ingrid Harrison
Capt. Rachael Jefferson, BPD
Chief Lee Havens, BVFD
Deputy Chief Jonathan Howard, BVFD

Guests

Tameka Washington

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Approval of March Minutes: Motion made by Bill G and seconded by Langston to accept the minutes was made. Approved.

Reports:

City Council-Council Member Ingrid Harrison

- No Report

Bowie Volunteer Fire Department- Chief Havens

- BVFD will host the June PSC meeting to provide an opportunity for members to view the updates to the station
- BVFD Gator will assist at the Bowie Fest
- Continuing to strengthen Recruitment which has been reestablished post COVID shutdown
- In the process of developing a Strategic Plan for the Department
- Tower 39 is still OOS
- Equipment replacement plans are being reevaluated
- Co. 19 pumper is still OOS due to an accident and repairs are being planned

Police Department Report – Deputy Chief Dwayne Preston

- Meeting addressing Anti-Semitism planned with the Interfaith Coalition
- BPD budget review is scheduled for Council review tonight
- Working on a Strategic Plan for the next 3 years
 - Staffing

- Growth of the Department
 - Community Response
- Department needs to deal with attrition issues, possible 50% over the next few years
- Possible front load hiring of approximately 10 Officers to maintain the 67 allocated positions once experienced Officers retire
- A public survey of about 10-20 questions is planned
- County is working on establishing the Citizens Review Panel

Bowie Public Safety Committee

- Human Trafficking presentation scheduled for May 10 at 6:30 pm
- Security and Anti-Semitism issues remain a problem, Maryland is reported to have the second highest in hate crimes
- Motion was made to conduct the June 22 meeting at the Bowie Volunteer Fire Department was made by Jill, seconded by Langston. Passed unanimously.
- Motion was made for May meeting be in person by Bill G, seconded by Jill. Passed unanimously.

Next meeting: May 25, 2022, at 7:30 pm (in person meeting at BDP)

Motion to Adjourn: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made. Unanimously passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.