

# BOWIE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE!



## Minutes of the May 25, 2022 (Virtual Meeting)

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

### Attendance:

Del Billings, Chair  
Jackie Rhone, Member  
Bill Grayson, Member  
Jill Hochman, Vice Chair  
Jeffrey Cooper, Member  
Langston Clay, Member

### Excused:

Monica Best-James, Esq. Member  
Ronnie Gill, Member  
Bill Healy, 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  
Latoya Phillips

**Meeting Called to Order:** 7:30 pm

**Approval of April Minutes:** Motion made by Jill and seconded by Bill G to accept the minutes was made. Approved.

**Moment of Silence:** The PSC held a moment of silence in remembrance of those who recently lost their lives due to gun violence in Uvalde, Tx and Buffalo, NY.

### Reports:

#### City Council-Council Member Ingrid Harrison

- No Report

#### Bowie Volunteer Fire Department- Chief Havens (report made by Del Billings)

- Co. 19 pumper is still OOS due to an accident causing approximately \$72,000 damage and repairs are being planned
- Tower 39 is also still OOS
- Engine in 39 is OOS due to an alternator, the part has been located and awaiting delivery
- Department was saddened by the death of a Co. 19 member due a vehicle accident

#### Police Department Report – Deputy Chief Dwayne Preston

- Working on a Strategic Plan for the next 3 years
  - PSC members are Bill G, Langston, and Jeffrey
  - 2 meeting have been held with the next meeting on June 2

- Citizen survey is being finalized and hopefully be out next week
  - Staffing
  - Growth of the Department
  - Community Response
- The Deputy Chief will march in the Memoria Day Parade. The Chief is out of town participating in the Special Olympics activities for the next two weeks
- June 8 a Church Safety meeting will be held at the Kenhill Center at 7:00 pm
- June 19 a bike ride is scheduled
- Reported threat at Wal Mart was received
  - BPD Officer was working at the store
  - Thorough investigation was conducted
  - Determined to be a false report
- 2 Officers are out due to COVID and 2 due to disciplinary actions

**Bowie Public Safety Committee**

- PSC members discussed issues involving school safety, including questions regarding what measures Prince George County is taking, funding for school safety, the possibility of PSC recommending to the Bowie City Council to request the County to conduct an assessment of the safety of Bowie public schools, and a possible request for the PGC School Safety Officer to attend a meeting.
- Motion was made by Langston and seconded by Jackie to postpone the PSC June meeting at the Bowie Fire Department. Passed unanimously.
- Motion was made by Langston and seconded by Jill for the June PSC meeting to be virtual. Passed unanimously.

**Next meeting:** June 22, 2022, at 7:30 pm (virtual meeting)

**Motion to Adjourn:** A motion Jeffrey and seconded by Langston to adjourn the meeting was made. Unanimously passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.