



HOWARD COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL
Wednesday, May 15, 2019

The Citizens' Advisory Council meeting commenced at 7:00 p.m. in the Northern District Community Room at Police Headquarters.

Present:

Larry Aaronson, Lt. Justin Baker, Thomas C. Beach III, Denise Brockington, Larry Buehler, Sandy Cederbaum, Lesley Flaim, Britany Gegor, Andrew Hall Sr, Sgt. Joseph King, Major Luther Johnson, Linda Hickerson, Jeff Kulik, Morris Levine, Adia Moore, Peter Newman, Stephen Pidliskey, Timothy Pierce, Lorna Rudnikas, Dr. Lewis Saunders, Susan Watkins, Camela Williams, Lt. Chris Williams, David Zeleznik

Absent: William Brockett, Frank Chandler, Eileen Harrity, Raghid Shourbaji, Nollie Wood Jr

Chairperson – Andrew Hall Sr.

- Opened the meeting and reminded the Council that the meeting is being recorded.
- March minutes approved. (no meeting in April)

Chief's Report – Major Johnson

- Departmental Events
 - Major Johnson – introductions
 - Awards Ceremony- Chief sends her thanks for the CAC attending and supporting the department.
 - Crime Stats –
 - homicides down 6%
 - burglary down 13% -
 - vehicle thefts down 11%
 - thefts from vehicles down 11%
 - Officer Wellness Committee has been established.
 - Drone committee has been established.
 - HCPD Memorial Ceremony was held May 7th it was held to honor officers that have died in the line of duty.
 - Collision Avoidance Training will be from March 23 - Dec 14, 2019 it will be teaching new drivers defensive driving and techniques for safer driving.



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- Community Outreach had a national county wide Drug take Back Day. It was April 27, 2019. 1,145 pounds of expired and unneeded medicine was collected.
- June 13th is Coffee with a Cop it will be at Starbucks at Target on Montgomery Road. July 11, 2019 Coffee with a Cop will be at Claire Hall Day Break Circle from 1 – 3pm.
- Retirees- The month of April -Sgt. Thomas Claxton, PFC. Mark Richmond, Lt. Paul Yodiz, PFC. Daniel Young. The May retirees will be Lt. Stephanie Wall, PFC. Chad Zirk. The June retirees will be Cpl. Bernadette Carrieri. The July retiree will be PFC. Christine Adams.
- Golf Tournament is being held August 26, 2019 it will be held at the Turf Valley Country Club. The proceeds will be donated to the NAACP Youth Program. Major Johnson would like to continue this golf tournament once he retires every year to continue to give to different charities.

Old/New Business – Andrew Hall Sr.

- Presentation topics for the remainder of the year were confirmed by the Council. The Council agreed there may be presentations that can be presented at 'off-site locations and at different times' other than the CAC meetings. The Elections/Awards Subcommittee will discuss the feasibility and process of preparing certificates/letters of appreciation for the presenter(s) who made the presentation
- Subcommittee reports:
 - Membership/Marketing subcommittee – the Subcommittee plans to update the CAC Brochure to hand out at events to recruit members.
 - Ad Hoc subcommittee - Andrew asked Linda Lee to recruit volunteers to help on the day of the Golf Fundraiser (August 26 @ Turf Valley). Jeff asked members to contact him if they would like to form a foursome to play in the fundraiser.
- Our new Chief of Staff Lt. Chris Williams gave a brief overview of his life and career with the HCPD.
- Lt. Williams announced the Office of Law and Risk Management is requiring volunteers to complete an additional volunteer agreement. Forms were distributed at the meeting and



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emailed to members who were absent. Council members are encouraged to complete and return the form as soon as possible.

- Andrew shared information concerning the Drone Project. The Drone Workgroup was created to recommend if this technology is appropriate for the department. Andrew is serving on the Operation Subcommittee and will work with others to get feedback from officers on how an Unmanned Aerial System (UAS or Drone) could support them.

Part of Andrew's responsibility is to do online research about how drones are being used for public safety. He was also asked to identify strengths, weaknesses and lessons learned from current operations found in that research. Andrew recently reached out to the Council for help with internet searches.

- Members attending the Citizens Police Academy reported that they are enjoying the experience and learning about the HCPD.
- June's presentation will be *Investigation, Interview and Interrogation Process*

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for June 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Northern District Community Room at Police Headquarters.