



# Howard County Police Department Citizens' Advisory Council May 20, 2020

## Notes from May 20 CAC Zoom Get together

### Great seeing everyone!



Thanks to everyone who participated in the May 20 Zoom get together. We missed those who couldn't be with us but totally understand. Sandy Cederbaum took a picture of us during the Zoom meeting. We look like the Brady Bunch or a police lineup! Attending: Chief Lisa Myers (not pictured), Sandy Cederbaum, Lewis Saunders, Linda Lee Hickerson, Lt. Ed Sprinkle, Jim Happel, Larry Buehler, Steve Bolen, Adia Moore, Lesley Flaim, Tim Pierce, Larry Aaronson, Steve Pidliskey, Jeff Kulik,

Morris Levine, Britany Gregor, Chandrakant Patel, Andrew Hall, Eileen Harrity, Denise Brockington (phone only) and me. We are not taking attendance until we can get back together and resume full meeting operations.

Words from the Chief: The chief was glad to see us and thanked us for having the meeting. She feels it's a great way to stay connected in these unusual times. The Chief stated the PD is busy and adapting to change. Only one Officer has tested positive for Covid-19 and is only experiencing mild symptoms. Officers are focusing on aggressive driving and DUIs. With fewer cars on the road drivers are speeding. The PD expected to have more cases of domestic violence and child abuse, but so far have not, however there are continuing issues with car thefts. The budget is still in a holding pattern and there is currently a hiring freeze. Possibly more cuts on the way which could mean cutting personnel. The County Council approved the lease for the Oracle Building, so the PD hopes to move in August. If we are back to meeting in person, we may have to find an alternate meeting space for August and possibly September. The VFW in Ellicott city was offered, and Lesley offered a conference room in her office building in the Gateway Complex. We will make a determination as we get closer.

The Chief said she has some projects coming up and would like our help! She didn't have many details yet, but she will let us know shortly. Stay tuned!

Support the Force: I want to thank everyone for their generous donations to the Support the Force fund setup by the Police Foundation. Chick-fil-A platters were shared with two platoons and one communication squad on Thursday May 21<sup>st</sup> and the others will be shared next Tuesday, and Wednesday May 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Kyri sent a nice note thanking the CAC for their efforts in funding this for the officers and dispatchers and we were listed on the Police Foundation's Facebook page. *In addition to supporting the purchase of PPE, the Howard County Police Foundation's Support the Force campaign has funded meals for officers and dispatchers working throughout this state of emergency. These meal deliveries*

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*have been great for morale and we appreciate the foundation, and all those who have donated, including our own Citizens' Advisory Council.*

The fund is still open if you want to make a donation. Thanks to all...great job!

Website: <http://hcpf.org/> Facebook post: [here](#)

**Service Awards:** As you know the Board is working on resurrecting the service award program including looking at different types of awards to present. We would like your feedback...think about service awards and what's meaningful to you, or what you would like to receive as a service award and let us know. We are also looking for members who would like to help in this effort. If you would like to participate please let us know. The Board will begin discussing options soon.

**Facebook Development:** Our Facebook page is coming along! This is the email address Chandrakant setup for HCPD CAC outreach [hcpdcacoutreach@gmail.com](mailto:hcpdcacoutreach@gmail.com). Please use this email address to send pictures and content to and copy Andrew Hall. Please send in a brief description of your pictures when you send them. That way we can get them on the page quicker. Thanks to all who have sent in pictures! We will send out the link for your review soon. So... let's send those pics and content to Chandrakant and Andrew. If you are interested in working with either, please let them know.

Jeff Kulik helps out Grassroots in Columbia whenever he can. He recently talked with Anna Katz, Operations Manager, and learned they have some outstanding needs. Please take a look at the attached list and see if there are items you would like to donate. If so when you drop them off you will have to leave them in a basket at the door and let someone know you are there. At some point I would like to know from the membership if there is any interest in making Grassroots one of the CAC's projects. We could use our Facebook page to get out the word and it wouldn't take a lot to maintain. It would be very meaningful to them and rewarding to us. *Think about it...*

