

Communications and Release of Information Subcommittee

- I. Review current policies, practices and laws regarding the public release of information, including:
 - A. Relevant provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and statutory and case law as well as the policies and practices of the FCPD and Office of County Attorney in invoking a discretionary provision of the Act to withhold the release of information (in particular the identity of officers involved and incident reports) relating to use of force and other similar incidents
 - B. The roles of FCPD Public Information Officers and the Office of Public Affairs in connection with use of force and critical incident responses
 - C. Review of consultant's report (or meeting with consultant if report not finished)
 - D. Review of "best practices" on the public release of information in connection with use of force and critical incident responses in other jurisdictions
- II. Review of current FCPD policies, practices and programs regarding police-community relations, including:
 - A. Outreach to all segments of Fairfax County community for input as to current state of police-community relations and suggestions for improvements and enhancements, including whether there exists any perceived racial or other bias in FCPD activities
 - B. Review of the current community policing policies and practices (including training) in Fairfax County – i.e., the extent of engagement by the FCPD with the community beyond the traditional policing activities
 - C. Review of "best practices" in other jurisdictions on police-community relations, including community partnerships, enhanced community engagement training for officers, and involvement of the entire community in developing a policy and detailed plan for the comprehensive implementation of community policing and problem-solving principles, including:
 1. DOJ reports on Cleveland, Ferguson and Philadelphia police departments and the March 2015 Interim Report of the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing
 2. Report of the U.S. Conference of Mayors on "Strengthening Police-Community Relations in America's Cities" (January 2015)
- III. Based on the review of existing FCPD policies and practices and a review of the policies and practices of other jurisdictions and the cited and other resources, develop proposed

recommendations for changes and/or next steps to the Board of Supervisors for consideration by the Commission