

Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission

Communications Subcommittee

May 26, 2015 7:30 p.m.

Fairfax County Government Center, Room 232

Notetaker: TBD

- I. Approval of minutes from the May 11 meeting; brief review of workplan
- II. FCPD public information office: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/newsroom/
 - a. Current duties, staffing and communication tools
 - b. Current FCPD engagement activities, including Citizen's Police Academy www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/services/citizens-police-academy.htm and Citizen Advisory Committees (CACs) www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/jobs/citizenadvisorycommittee.htm
 - c. FCPD PIO role in VA FOIA requests
 - d. Is release of names, photos and incident details on the FCPD news blog discretionary? Who makes the decision about what is released?
 - e. Role of FCPD PIO and the county's Office of Public Affairs in connection with use of force and critical incidents public information dissemination
 - f. FCPD PIO: place in agency hierarchy, role during critical incidents: do the police chief and FCPD senior staff get the benefit of advice from a strategic communications professional when important decisions that impact public trust are being made?
 - g. Discussion of recommendations: note – the discussion of best communications practices from across the country is scheduled for the June 8 meeting
- III. Review FCPD policies, general orders and procedures; review the timeline for the county's legislative process for the 2016 General Assembly session
 - a. FCPD general order 401 – Public Information: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/inside-fcpd/pdf/401.pdf>
 - b. FCPD general order 401.1 - Release of information: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/inside-fcpd/pdf/4011.pdf>
 - c. FCPD SOP on Investigation of Deadly Force Deployment: Section IV-G: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/policecommission/materials/12-045-standard-operating-procedure.pdf
- IV. Discuss how FCPD communicates with diverse communities, whether information released is culturally appropriate, how FCPD can eradicate any perceived biases in communications, how FCPD can change any negative perceptions, narratives and visuals and ensure a culture of public trust.
- V. Review communications between FCPD and the community, media, elected officials and other local, regional, state and federal agencies. What governs the flow of information to/from FCPD?

- VI. Every interaction with FCPD creates a personal reaction, perception and memory, contributing to the overall experience one has with the agency. Discussion of recommendations for improving everyone's experience with FCPD.
- VII. If there's time, we will watch Lane County, Oregon's video, called "Hollywood vs. Reality: Officer-Involved Shootings." Several years ago, after several police shootings in Portland, the Oregon legislature mandated that each county devise a "more standardized and transparent" system for dealing with officer-involved shootings. Included was a directive that each county conduct annual "community outreach and education" on law enforcement's use of deadly force. For 2011's public education requirement, Lane County produced a video that communicated basic facts about deadly force; it was posted online to be available when officials couldn't comment publicly on the specifics of an ongoing investigation. The video can be viewed online by clicking here. http://lcpubw04.lanecounty.org/information/yourlanevideos/LaneCountyDistrictAttorney_and_LawEnforcementAgencies.wmv
- VIII. Review the consultant's report (if available)
- IX. Next meeting: June 8