

Patrick Smaldore Comments and Recommendations from the Communications Subcommittee May 26th Agenda about Current FCPD engagement activities, including Citizen's Police Academy and Citizen Advisory Committees (CACs):

Citizen's Police Academy

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/services/citizens-police-academy.htm

Comments:

The Citizens Police academy (CPA) is a very good way for citizens to engage and learn about the functions of the FCPD. As Classes are held on ten consecutive Thursday nights, from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., makes it difficult for persons working, and with families to attend. Recommend that a version of the CPA be created that can be completed in a shorter amount of time possibly in one 3-hour session, that could be offered on weekends during the day, rather than on week nights. This may allow more persons who are working and with families to attend, along with other Leaders from the Faith, Civic, and Business Communities, who may not be able to commit to ten consecutive Thursday nights to attend. Also recommend that some of the items and topics that have been discussed in the BOS Ad Hoc Commission Communications Subcommittee such as: FOIA Processes, CIT, U.S. Conference of Mayors "Strengthening Police-Community Relations in America's Cities"; Final Report of the Presidents Task Force on 21st Century Policing; and Best Practices on Police-Community Relations be included in the CPA training

Recommendations:

- 3 hour Version of the CPA be created for those persons working and with families, along with Leaders from the Faith, Civic, and Business Communities who are not able to commit to ten consecutive Thursday nights to attend
- Include in the CPA training item's and topics that have been discussed in the BOS Ad Hoc Commission Communications Subcommittee such as: FOIA Processes, CIT, U.S. Conference of Mayors "Strengthening Police-Community Relations in America's Cities"; Final Report of the Presidents Task Force on 21st Century Policing; and Best Practices on Police-Community Relations be included in CPA training

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Citizen Advisory Committees

(CACs) www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/jobs/citizenadvisorycommittee.htm

Comments:

Each of the 8 FCPD District Stations have CACs, which provide a monthly forum for obtaining citizen opinion about the delivery of police services

There is a CAC Charter, which defines the CAC functions, and is currently being rewritten/updated. Suggest that the CAC rewrites/updates include information from the BOS Ad Hoc Commission Communications Subcommittee items and topics of discussion about: the 2015 Conference of Mayors Report Section 1 "Building Trust Between the Police and Community", along with Best Practices on Police-Community Relations. My Observation is that there is no CAC Succession Planning, meaning there are no term limits for the CAC Chair, or CAC Vice Chair durations, CAC Chair and CAC Vice Chair nominations and elections are done yearly, but the nominating process is somewhat informal meaning that CAC Chair and CAC Vice Chair turnover is based on whether or not anyone is interested running for CAC Chair or CAC Vice Chair

Citizens Advisory Council

Comments:

In addition to Citizen Advisory Committees (CACs), there is a Citizens Advisory Council that works with the FCPD Chief of Police to further the objectives of the (CACs). The Citizens Advisory Council consists of 2 representatives from each of the 8 CACs that meet at least 4 times a year. Information about the Citizens Advisory Council functions is included in the Charter, which is currently being rewritten/updated. My Observation is that there is no Fairfax County Link to the Citizens Advisory Council; The Citizens Advisory Council does not meet on a monthly basis, it meets at least 4 times a year, which means that there are only 4 opportunities to provide information directly to the FCPD Chief that would be coming from the Citizen Advisory Committees (CACs), There is also no Citizens Advisory Council Succession Planning, meaning there are no term limits for the Citizens Advisory Council Chair, or Citizens Advisory Council Vice Chair durations. Citizens Advisory Council Chair and Citizens Advisory Council Vice Chair nominations and elections are done yearly, but the nominating process is somewhat informal meaning that Citizens Advisory Council Chair and Citizens Advisory Council Vice Chair turnover is based on whether or not anyone is interested running for Citizens Advisory Council Chair or Citizens Advisory Council Vice Chair

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Recommendations:

- Include a Fairfax County link to the Citizens Advisory Council like there is for the Citizens Advisory Committees
- Include in the Citizens Advisory Council and Citizens Advisory Committee Charter update/revision items and topics that have been discussed in the BOS Ad Hoc Commission Communications Subcommittee such as: U.S. Conference of Mayors "Strengthening Police-Community Relations in America's Cities"; Final Report of the Presidents Task Force on 21st Century Policing; and Best Practices on Police-Community Relations
- In stead of meeting at least 4 times a year the Citizens Advisory Council should increase the number of months it meets to be in line with the 10 monthly Citizens Advisory Committees meetings
- Consider Citizens Advisory Council, and Citizens Advisory Committee Succession Planning with term limits for the Chair, and the Vice Chair