

Board of Supervisors  
Safety and Security Committee

June 4, 2024 11:00 AM  
Government Center Conference Room 11

***Board of Supervisors (Board) Members present:***

**Rodney Lusk, Franconia District (Committee Chair)** – In Person

**James Walkinshaw, Braddock District (Vice Chair)** – In Person

Jeff McKay, Chairman – In Person

James Bierman, Dranesville District – In Person

Walter Alcorn, Hunter Mill District – In Person

Andres Jimenez, Mason District – In Person

Dan Storck, Mount Vernon District – In Person

Dalia Palchik, Providence District – In Person

Pat Herrity, Springfield District – In Person

Kathy Smith, Sully District – In Person

The Safety and Security Committee (Committee) meeting was called to order at 11:10 a.m.

**Office of the Independent Police Auditor 2023 Annual Report: 11:11 a.m.**

Richard G. Schott, Independent Police Auditor, presented on the Office of the Independent Police Auditor's 2023 Annual Report. He summarized 41 active cases including reviews of FCPD investigations into officer-involved shootings, in-custody deaths, and serious injuries, and complaints into uses of force. Mr. Schott added that there were 39 retroactive cases from 2017-2022 that were not previously shared with the OIPA, most of which included complaints of injury or minor uses of force. He recently published reports on complaints of pointed firearms and of non-serious injuries from the backlog.

Mr. Schott published incident reports on four officer-involved shootings in 2023. He published reports on his policy recommendations in response to recommendations made by the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) and by the Police Reform Matrix Work Group.

Members asked Mr. Schott questions about the completion of the backlog reviews, his priority policy recommendations, and his monitoring activities. Discussion ensued on the development of a foot pursuit policy, FCPD data sharing, and the definitions of objective reasonableness and necessary and proportional as they relate to use of force.

**2023 Police Civilian Review Panel (PCRP) Annual Report: 11: 55 a.m.**

Mr. Todd Cranford, immediate past Chair of the Police Civilian Review Panel (PCRP), presented the PCRP's 2023 Annual Report. He provided a broad overview of his tenure as Panel Chair between 2023 and 2024 and welcomed Ms. Cheryl Belkowitz as the Panel's new Chair.

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He thanked the two former Panel members who had resigned, Mr. William Ware and Vice Chair Janel Wolfe, and requested the Board of Supervisors to fill the two vacancies in order for the Panel to operate at full strength. Mr. Cranford provided that the former executive director of the PCRCP had resigned in mid-2023 and thanked the Office of the Independent Police Auditor for its support in helping to run Panel operations. He then thanked Mr. Richard Schott, the Independent Police Auditor, for his time in providing case summary worksheets that highlighted important parts of the file and provided a table of contents for Panel members reviewing the case file with the Fairfax County Police Department (FCPD). Mr. Cranford provided that the new Panel Liaison, Craig Miles, would be taking over that responsibility and helping the Panel with outreach efforts and Panel member expectations moving forward.

Mr. Cranford explained that the Panel restructured its subcommittee review process and formalized the Panel's public comment procedure to invite more input from the community. Additionally, the Panel would try to hold more meetings around the County as they felt it important for the Panel to be where the people are. He mentioned that the Panel would be implementing more training throughout the year, some with FCPD and some externally. The Panel had updated its Recommendations Matrix and had undertaken a review of the Panel Bylaws to update the language and make it current from when it was established eight years ago. Mr. Cranford provided that the Panel would be bringing forth new recommendations to the Board for changes, edits and additions to the Panel Bylaws. One example of a change would be to extend the timeline for FCPD's Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) to investigate case complaints from 60 days to 90 days to make it more of a reasonable timeline for their investigation and avoid delays.

Mr. Cranford requested the Board for improved access to the FCPD IAB case files that Panel members need to review at either FCPD headquarters or district stations. He reiterated the desire to have electronic access to the files for better flexibility for Panel members and allow them the proper time to review the investigation in between their full-time jobs and familial obligations outside of their duties to the Panel. He also mentioned that having access to the files electronically would be helpful for Panel members to refer back to during Subcommittee and Review meetings. The Panel had plans to receive Implicit Bias training by the County's Karla Bruce later in the year.

Members asked questions on upcoming training, increasing outreach efforts and thanked Mr. Craig Miles for joining the team and hitting the ground running. The Board is in the process of vetting and bringing forth two individuals to fill two of the vacancies on the Panel.

**Additional Information: N/A**

The Committee meeting adjourned at 12:24 p.m.

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for October 1, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.