



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF METROPOLITAN POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners

Phill B. Smith, Chairman
Timothy Ramion, Vice Chairman
Bennie Grove, Secretary

Department Staff

Charles Upchurch, Chief
Jason S. Dierdorff, Deputy Chief of Administration
E.H. "Sam" Alexander, Deputy Chief of Operations
Pauletta Dusterberg, Office Manager

The Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners for the Town of Speedway held its regular meeting on January 9, 10:30 A.M. at 5300 Crawfordsville Rd., Speedway, IN 46224.

Minutes of the December 19, 2022 Regular Meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Ramion moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Grove. Minutes approved by consensus.

There were no petitions from the audience.

The election of new officers was presented, Commissioner Ramion made the recommendation for the slate of officers to be Phill Smith, Chairman, Timothy Ramion, Vice Chairman and Bennie Grove, Secretary. Seconded by Commissioner Grove. The 2023 Board of Commissioners were installed by consensus.

Chief Upchurch gave an update on fleet acquisition. The vehicles were ordered in 2022, when they arrived they were 2023 and \$10,000 more than the original cost. The Town Council approved the difference in funds and the vehicles were picked up. We are in the process of outfitting these vehicles with the needed equipment.

Chief Upchurch informed the board that we will be swearing in two reserves on January 18 at 9:30 AM. There is a possibility that one of those reserves may be going to a different agency. The other two candidates are still in the background process.

Chief Upchurch gave an update on the hiring process. We started a new lateral process for February. We hope to fill the one position we have open. Officer Marsteller will be retiring in March, which will then give us one additional position to fill.



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Roundtable:

Commissioner Grove wanted to thank the Department for their service during National Law Enforcement Appreciation day.

Commissioner Ramion echoed what Commissioner Grove said.

Chief Upchurch stated we have good Officers working for this Department.

Deputy Chief Alexander had no comments.

Deputy Chief Dierdorff discussed that we would like to make a change to General Order 99.7.2 regarding the Class C uniform. Currently the uniform consists of the BDU shirt and pants, with a badge and name tag affixed. We would like to modify that section to state that if the Officer is wearing an outer carrier with body camera that the shirt underneath can be blank. The second change would be to approve the option to wear an approved polo shirt. We are in process of approving the type of polo that would be permitted. We would also like to remove the statement regarding an embroidered badge being required on the polo. Officers would be required to wear the outer carrier when public facing. They remove it to cool down when not public facing. Commissioner Grove moved to approve the changes to General Order 99.7.2, seconded by Commissioner Ramion. Approved by consensus.

The next meeting of the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners will be Monday, February 13, 2023, at 10:30 AM.

Meeting adjourned at 10:42 A.M.

Phill B. Smith, Chairman

Timothy Ramion, Vice Chairman

Bennie Grove, Secretary

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