



## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF METROPOLITAN POLICE COMMISSIONERS

### **Commissioners**

Phill B. Smith, Chairman  
Edward F. Breen, Vice-Chairman  
Kenneth E. Hull, Secretary

### **Department Staff**

James E. Campbell, Chief of Police  
Charles Upchurch, Assistant Chief  
Sarah E. Edie, Director of Administration  
Jason S. Dierdorff, Captain of Investigations  
E.H. "Sam" Alexander, Captain of Operations

The Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners for the Town of Speedway held its regular meeting on July 12, 2021, at 10:30 A.M. at 5300 Crawfordsville Rd., Speedway, IN 46224.

Present were Commissioners Phill Smith and Kenneth Hull, Chief James Campbell, Assistant Chief Charles Upchurch, Captain Jason Dierdorff, and Director of Administration Sarah Edie. Also, present were audience participants Jay Thompson and Cheryl McElroy, Town of Speedway Director of Communications.

The minutes of the June 14, 2021, meeting was reviewed. Approved as presented by unanimous vote.

Chief Campbell gave an update on the Brickyard race on August 15, 2021. There is a Public Safety planning meeting tentatively set for July 21, 2021. This meeting involves all Local, State and Federal agencies meeting to review the race plan.

Director of Administration Edie gave an update on the hiring process, we had 15 applicants for testing on Saturday, July 10, 2021. All passed the written and physical agility test. The oral interview process will be held the week of August 2, 2021.

Recommendation for approval of the promotion of Officer James Bell to Sergeant was presented by Chief Campbell. Board voted on and unanimously approved. This will be effective July 24, 2021.

Captain Dierdorff gave an update on the acquisition of cars. We are still waiting for the initial 8 vehicles, which are delayed due to manufacturer equipment availability. We have requested an additional 27 vehicles in budget year 2022.

Assistant Chief Upchurch gave an update on midyear crime stats. Our stats are higher in most categories from last year, but this is most likely due to COVID. We are more comparable to the 2019 stats. Comparison to a 5-year average, will be done after the full year stats are available.

Chief Campbell gave an update on the police action shooting. The finding was the shooting was justified. This information has been on the news media sites and TV. Officer Harris will be going back to work on a date to be determined.

Chief Campbell stated the Department will be meeting with the Clerk Treasurer on Thursday, July 15 to review the Department 2022 budget request. We are not increasing line items, but will be requesting 27 vehicles, and 3 full time Officers.

The Town will be recognizing Sergeant Mark Morgan for his 40 years of service to the Department at the Town Council meeting, July 12, 2021.



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Director of Administration Edie reviewed General Order 41.3.8, Body Worn Cameras. The changes are in response to the battery life of the body worn cameras when Officers are awaiting tow, or other support services for an extended period. To retain battery life, wording has been added to allow the cameras to be turned off following the guidelines set forth in this Order. Approval of the update to General Order 41.3.8 was voted on and approved unanimously.

Director of Administration Edie gave a CALEA update. We are continuing to gather and load proofs; we will be assessed online in October and December. CALEA is the gold standard across the nation for policing, only 11% of all Law Enforcement Agencies in the nation are CALEA accredited.

Recommendation of approval for promotion to Patrolman 1<sup>st</sup> class be granted to Officer Nick May retroactive to July 1, 2021. It was voted and approved unanimously.

Director of Administration Edie gave an update on staffing. Communications remains down 1 employee due to medical and we had 1 dispatcher resign his position. Communications has gone to 12 hour shifts until a full staff can be obtained. The recommendation was made to accept the resignation of Matt Dowdy and the hire of Angela Hunter as a full-time dispatcher, Angela has worked part time since August 2019. It was voted and approved unanimously.

Captain Dierdorff asked for approval of the crash review board findings that were presented to the Commissioners. It was voted and approved unanimously to accept as presented.

The next meeting of the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners is scheduled for Monday, August 9, 2021, at 10:30 A.M. at 5300 Crawfordsville Rd., Speedway, IN 46224.

During roundtable comments, Director of Administration Edie wanted to Thank all the Officers who helped with the physical agility testing on Saturday. No other additional comments by participants were presented.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 A.M.

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