

Shared Police Subcommittee Meeting Minutes – 3/28 10:00am – 12:30p

The subcommittee was also joined by members of the Police Task Force which included representatives from the Borough and Township Police Departments.

Our discussions were geared towards drilling down on our recommendations and analyzing the information collected to date.

Chief Buchanan presented a variation to his previously submitted Twp Model. With this model, all employees will maintain employed status on day-1 of consolidation, with the assumption that the total number of Sergeants will be reduced from 14 to 12.

Chief Buchanan discussed several levels of service that should be provided to the community, such as Community Service/Safe Neighborhood Units, Traffic Enforcement, and investigative support. Most of which have already been cut from budget pressures.

Anton asked about how the police departments interact with Princeton University. Chief Dudeck responded by stating that it's a bit of a touchy subject at the moment. There is a lot of discussion currently going on between the Boro and the University with respect to calls-for-service around the eating clubs. That area is in the Boro's jurisdiction, but the Boro Police must respond just like it is any other kind of call - can't really provide special treatment for drunk and disorderly. Dudeck said he just needs to have a clear line of demarcation, a boundary, that provides clarity of jurisdiction. Regardless, if the University Department of Public Safety requires assistance, the Boro, and the Twp, responds appropriately. The Boro responds to all calls on campus that are of a more serious nature. Also, there is some confusion due to the fact that if someone dials 911 from a cell phone, that call does not initially go to the PUDPS – depending on the cell tower that receives the call, it could initially go to the Boro, Twp, or the State Police. Only wireline 911 calls on campus go directly to PUDPS.

Chief Buchanan also stated that they also respond to University for calls that are in the Twp's jurisdiction. The PUDPS knows who to call for support.

The forecast for eligible retirements from the Twp as of 2011 are one chief, and two sergeants for a total of three. For the Boro it is one chief, 1 lieutenant, and three sergeants, for a total of five. Combined that is a total of eight sworn police officers that could retire with over 25 years of service. However, since some of these positions will be required regardless of retirements, it does present the possibility of further reductions over the next few years by potentially five positions.

As stated in our previous meeting, and taking the attrition forecast into account, the subcommittee believes our organizational model goal for consolidation could be close to the CGR models that provide a 55 man consolidated organizational model, and potentially a \$1.7M (15%) annual savings in police costs.

Next meeting will be 4/11.