

Transition Task Force
Public Safety Subcommittee
Minutes
March 9, 2012

1. PD org charts
 - Current organizational charts of both departments were distributed and discussed.
 - Point made that vacation time, holiday time, sick time, training time, light duty all take away from the number of available officers; hence each patrol shift is made large enough to allow for this and still maintain the minimum needed number of patrol officers per shift.
 - Caution should be used when the phrase “boots on the streets” is used. References to this in reports and statements can be confusing when you need to take the point above into consideration. This phrase can be taken too literally.
2. Twp PD patrol need. Chiefs’ update.
 - Per Chief Buchanan they will recommend to Township Committee the following:
 - Step 1, redeploy some existing officers from other divisions
 - Step 2, each department will continue to backup or respond to calls for the other as needed (not part of this recommendation, but mentioned: future ride along program between departments to be implemented)
 - This should allow the Township PD to provided patrol service as needed for the rest of the year. Lookto hire as needed next year once a single department.Can discuss doing a full process versus looking at just already trained officers.
3. Immediate priorities the Chiefs feel we need to address:
 - #1, the Rogers Group proposal, should be on Township agenda Monday night.
 - #2, dispatch, proposal from WPCS should be on Township agenda Monday night.
 - #3, decide on a CAD system for the new department to use.
 - Paul Ominsky will make information from PU’s search for a new CAD system from a year ago available.
 - Topic of regional dispatch came up. Freda/administrators will work out who should contact Mercer County, Lawrence PD, private entities about providing dispatch services.
4. Paul Ominsky was asked to prepare a list of services the University feels their Public Safety Department can provide to help with police work in the community going forward.
5. Meeting conflict (holiday) on April 6th. Move meeting to April 5th.
6. Next meeting topics:
 - Ask Consolidation Commission to send a rep who can discuss how they got to the 51 officer recommendation, need the detail behind their assumptions to fully understand this idea.
 - Two police chiefs to provide their recommended staffing.

- Two police chiefs to discuss what services/tasks they feel could not be provided with a 51 person department versus their recommended size department.
 - This committee will discuss pro's and con's of all of the above.
7. If any of the members of this committee need a tour of police facilities please let Freda know so we can hopefully coordinate a single time/day to provide this for everyone at once.

Present at today's meeting:

Bruschi, Pascale.

Butler, Miller, Wilkes, Altman, Woodbridge, Freda.

Williams, Ominsky.

Buchanan, Dudeck, Sutter, Currier, Toole, Morgan.

Public Comments: None, no public in attendance.

Next meeting, 3/23/12 at 8:30am, Twp Hall , Conference Rm. A.

Adjournment