

South Nyack-Grand View Police Department  
Executive Order 203 Committee  
Meeting #1: 90 Depot Place, South Nyack, NY or Zoom  
Wednesday, November 4, 2020 6:00pm

Present: South Nyack Mayor Bonnie Christian (via Zoom)  
Grand View Mayor Lawrence Lynn (via Zoom)  
Ms Edna Brooks (via Zoom)  
Reverend Raymond Castro  
Ms Laura Dent  
Ms Tanya Gayle, Esq. (via Zoom)  
Ms Kristy Leader (via Zoom)  
Dr Frances Pratt  
Mr Joseph Rodriguez (via Zoom)  
Police Officer Ryan Eirand  
Police Chief Daniel Wilson

Excused: Mr David Johnson

Chief Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:01pm. Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: N/A

Old business: N/A

New business:

1. Chief Wilson expressed appreciation to the committee members for participation in the Executive Order 203 committee. Wilson encouraged members to speak with citizens outside of the committee for suggestions and feedback to bring to a meeting. All committee members introduced themselves. Wilson stated the meetings will be recorded and approved minutes will be taken for public record.
2. Discussion of the background of the South Nyack-Grand View Police Department. Police services provided to Villages of South Nyack and Grand View 24 hours per day/7 days per week; 1.9 square miles of area; approximately 4,000 residents; 1,400 households; primarily residential; the current and future status of Nyack College property is uncertain; part-time School Resource Officer is provided to Nyack Middle School as per MOU with Nyack School District.
3. Discussion of the administrative structure. Each Village has an elected mayor and four (4) elected trustees. The Joint Police Board is comprised of five (5) elected officials: three (3) South Nyack trustees and two (2) Grand View trustees. The mayor of each Village sits on the JPB. The mayors alternate years as the Chair of the JPB: Grand View mayor for even years and South Nyack mayor for odd years. Police department currently is six (6) full-time officers including the Police Chief, and sixteen (10) part-time officers. Command structure is Police Chief, 1 Sergeant, 1 Detective, 13 patrol officers. Full-time officers range from 7 to 22 years of experience. Nine of the ten part-time officers are retired law enforcement from other agencies with a combined 265 years of experience.

4. Chief Wilson discussed Executive Committee 203 selection. Three (3) members represent Houses of Worship. Two (2) members are South Nyack residents. One (1) member of a civic organization: NAACP. One (1) member of an educational institution. One (1) member represents the Public Defender's Office. One (1) member from the local police union. At least 1 or 2 members from the Joint Police Board.
5. Discussion of police agency accreditation in New York State. South Nyack-Grand View PD is not accredited. Seven of the ten law enforcement agencies in Rockland County are accredited. SNGVPD can benefit from surrounding agencies accreditation regarding training, policies, and procedures. Accreditation is administered by the Division of Criminal Justice Service (DCJS) Office of Public Safety. Accreditation Counsel governs standards. There are 497 police agencies in NYS. Of the 497, 143 are accredited, which is 28.8%. Professional standards are created by DCJS and the Municipal Police Training Counsel (MPTC). There are 109 accreditation standards. Agencies must re-certify every five (5) and complete an annual compliance survey. Goal of accreditation is to increase public confidence with police agency by formal recognition.
6. Discussion of the 911 reporting system in Rockland County. SNGVPD does not have a 911 reporting system. This is a shared resource with Orangetown Police for landline 911 calls. OPD then dispatches SNGVPD officer to the location. All cellular 911 calls in Rockland County go to the Sheriff's Office Radio Headquarters who then forwards the call to appropriate 911 agency. OPD will get the call from Radio Headquarters and dispatch SNGVPD officer to the location. Non-emergency landline calls to SNGVPD can be forwarded to a cell phone the on-duty patrol officer is in possession of. All fire departments are dispatched from Radio Headquarters. Orangetown or Clarkstown Police will dispatch Paramedics and EMS depending on the location.
7. Discussion of the SNGVPD response to mental health calls for service. The threshold for police in NYS to compel a person to have a mental health evaluation is high. The person must be an immediate threat of harm to themselves or another person. Rockland County began the Behavioral Response Team in 2015 to assist with mental health responses. BRT is administered by the Rockland Paramedics Service. BRT are trained and certified mental health professionals. BRT can be contacted by a citizen directly and no police involvement occurs. BRT has protocols in place to contact police if threats or weapons are present. BRT personnel do not carry self-defense weapons. Police and BRT will coordinate at the scene to assist an individual. BRT has a lower threshold to compel a person to have a mental health evaluation. BRT provides on scene assistance for individuals who may be apprehensive to speak with law enforcement. Police will be on scene to preserve safety of scene. Goal is to use minimal amount of force necessary. Ms Dent inquired about SNGVPD protocol for mental health for consistency in the future. Wilson reported the SNGVPD has a general order regarding mental health response. Wilson to provide the general order to the committee. Wilson discussed that during field training of a new hire mental health response is included.
8. Discussion of police response to overdose incidents. Often mental health crisis and overdose are linked together. In Rockland County for 2020, 33 overdose deaths YTD; 183 survived. All SNGVPD officers carry and are trained to administer Narcan to reverse the effects of an opioid overdose. Paramedics and EMS are immediately dispatched to

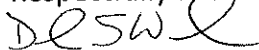


overdose incidents, but the police typically arrive on scene first. After Narcan is administered, sometimes the patient becomes combative. Police can assist with restraining the patient for scene safety.

9. Chief Wilson reported the SNGVPD is in process of partnering with Hope Not Handcuffs. Several police agencies in Rockland County are partnered with HNH. HNH is an organization that allows a person suffering from addiction to enter a police station without being subject to arrest. The police contact HNH and an "Angel" will respond to the police station and get the person to necessary services. Discussion of marijuana legalization.
10. Discussion of police car cameras and body cameras. Wilson reported the SNGVPD does not have car cameras or body cameras. Camera systems have financial and manpower burden. Camera systems will be explored and discussed. Possible grant opportunities for funding assistance will be explored.
11. Discussion of translation resources available to police. Wilson reported mutual assistance from other police agencies is used. Wilson reported the SNGVPD is in process of partnering with Iglesia La Mision and Reverend Castro to establish network of chaplains that are available to assist with translation.
12. Discussion of police response to domestic violence. Wilson reported the average number of domestic incidents is 18 per year for the previous five (5) years. Most of the incidents are not an arrest situation. The SNGVPD general order for domestic incidents complies with the Family Protection and Domestic Violence Intervention Act of 1994 and is based upon the model policy of the Municipal Police Training Council of NYS. Wilson to provide the SNGVPD domestic violence general order to the committee. The current general order is under review for technical amendments due to changes in NYS laws, such as Raise The Age which increased the age of criminal liability from 16 to 18. The goal of police at a non-arrest situation is to mediate. If an arrest is made, the subject will be arraigned before a Judge. Depending on circumstances, the subject may be remanded to jail or released. An order of protection may be issued by the Judge. Discussion of language barriers. Police will use someone on scene to assist. Ms Leader recommended Google Translate to assist with translation. Wilson reported police do not respond alone to domestic incidents. Mutual assistance from neighboring police agencies will be used if necessary.
13. Meeting #2 is scheduled for Thursday, December 3, 2020 6:00pm. Topic is recruitment, hiring process, and promotion process. Wilson to provide prudent documents to the committee. At the request of Ms Leader, Wilson will provide demographic background of current police roster.

Dr Pratt made a motion to adjourn at 7:10pm. Seconded by Mr Castro. So carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Daniel S. Wilson  
Chief of Police