

PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE NOTES  
AUGUST 20, 2020  
11:00 AM via ZOOM

Jeff McKee opened the meeting by introducing himself as serving as acting chair, followed by the introductions of Paul Bellair and Holly Davis who were not present for the initial meeting.

Monica Moll provided the background for the idea of a Values Statement. The purpose is to provide our external law enforcement partners (who assist with campus event security) with OSU's expectations of them while working on campus. She explained how the external officers are hired and the functions they generally perform when employed by OSU.

Suggestion was made to make sure the values are made clear to external officers when they are hired. Concern expressed that officers in the community may have behavior patterns that are unfavorable, and discussion ensued regarding ways to ensure those officers do not work OSU events. Our values should be made clear to outside agencies regarding OSU's expectations, and if the officers don't agree to them then they cannot work on campus. Director Moll explained that in the rare case where an external officer had to use of force while working an OSU event, Chief Spears-McNatt could request to see the documentation of the incident from the partner agency and review it.

Ideas for possible values to include in a statement were anti-racism, empathy, equity, restraint, de-escalatory, restorative and transparency. Suggestion to define key terms, like anti-racism, so officers are clear on meaning.

Dr. Moll indicated that when OSU is hiring officers for its own police force, we look for officers that exhibit empathy, compassion, respect, objectivity, fairness, and courtesy.

Complaint and compliment system for OSU Police was discussed. It can be accessed on the Public Safety web page. All complaints are reviewed by the Chief, Deputy Chief and Captain.

Discussion about body cameras included an explanation by Chief Spears-McNatt that stated OSU PD cameras are on when responding to a call where there is a possible requirement for use of force, complaint, traffic stop, etc. They are generally not turned on during First Amendment activities or at the OSU hospitals due to HIPPA laws. Suggestion was made to provide information on the body camera policy for OSU PD on their webpage for greater transparency. Not all outside law enforcement agencies who assist at events have body cameras. Columbus Police does use body cameras.

Next step is for committee members to submit any additional suggestions for the Values Statement to Monica Moll. She and Chief Spears-McNatt will put together a draft statement to be circulated prior to the next meeting.

Attendees: Lulu Montes, Aryn Hubbard, Nicholas Dang, Sarah Siddiqui, Teya LeBlanc-Hill, Stephen Post, Ben Walberg, Yolanda Zepeda, Rachel Bowen, Amy Young, Kelly Smith, Qiana Smith, Brian McMichael, Holly Davis, Simone Drake, Paul Bellair, Townsend Price-Spratlen, Njeri Kagotho, Jeff McKee, Monica Moll, Kimberly Spears-McNatt, Tracy Hahn, Adam Featherling, Doug McGrew, Mike Mandelkorn, Bob Armstrong, Margaret Bussard, Claudia Bonham. (Unable to log in: Katherine Betts.)

Public Safety Advisory Committee Chat Comments from 8.20.20 zoom meeting:

From Kelly Smith (she/her/hers) to Everyone: 11:28 AM  
My apologies. I have to leave for another meeting.

From Monica Moll to Everyone: 11:29 AM  
thanks Stephen!

From Brian McMichael to Everyone: 11:42 AM  
With these large public event it is expected that there would be unlawful conduct encountered at traffic control points, crowd control points. Do we have data available on arrests/citations to look at possible patterns of profiling?

From Rachel Bowen (She/Her) to Everyone: 11:53 AM  
A point for a future meeting should be a discussion of de-escalation training and expectations.

From Stephen Post to Everyone: 11:53 AM  
Heard empathy, restorative as well

From Yolanda Zepeda to Everyone: 11:55 AM  
Thank you for this sincere discussion. I look forward to reviewing a draft. Apologies, I need to set up another meeting.

From Ben Walberg to Everyone: 11:55 AM  
Transparency - Not sure if this really applies to individual officers as much as the department, but as an organization that is serving the community, the community should be able to fairly easily either find or ask for information on nearly anything. I am not sure if this would be a departmental value vs the officers value statement.

From Rachel Bowen (She/Her) to Everyone: 11:56 AM  
Good point, Ben.

From Brian McMichael to Everyone: 11:57 AM  
Anti-Racist, Restorative, De-Escalatory

From Rachel Bowen (She/Her) to Everyone: 11:57 AM  
This may be more of a personality trait, but openness to criticism.

From Robert Armstrong to Everyone: 11:58 AM  
I am capturing these comments and will share them with Dr Moll since she is working off of her phone.  
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