

# CITY OF PORT JERVIS

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## Police Committee Meeting Agenda

15 February 2023 6:00pm

Meeting called to order at 6:05pm with the following members in attendance: Mayor Decker, Mr. Siegel, Ms. Miller, Ms. Mann, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Simmons, Ms. Newhauser.

Members of the CPAC Committee were invited to attend this meeting. Member Tim Monahan in attendance.

### Public Comment:

- No public comment received.

### New Business: Updates-

**Community Police Advisory Board Presentation-** a slide presentation was provided for CPAC to update the committee on major programs, initiatives and the city's efforts to comply with the recommendations submitted in 2021 through the Port Jervis Police Community Collaborative and Reform Report. Refer to attached Presentation.

The Committee reviewed the draft **2022 Statistical Dashboard** -Attached to the minutes (Reform Committee Recommendation). Ms. Mann recommended adding a category that included total calls / incidents per ward.

### **SNUG Grant-** New York State DCJS-

The committee reviewed a potential funding opportunity provided through the State of New York to host the SNUG Violence Reduction Program. According to DCJS, SNUG uses a public health approach to Reduce Gun Violence: Identify the Source, Interrupt Transmission and Provide Services and Support to Individuals and Communities.

(From DCJS) NYS SNUG Outreach (SNUG) is an evidence-based violence reduction initiative that was first established in NYS in 2009. The program seeks to engage high-risk individuals who are causing violence in communities with high rates of violent crime, address the issues that may be causing high-risk individuals to engage in gun violence, and share with the community how violence is spread. SNUG seeks to modify an existing norm of community acceptance of violent behavior from its citizens by engaging community residents, businesses, and community-based organizations to implement coordinated strategies to reduce and prevent shootings and killings. The

program employs and relies on Street Outreach Workers who live in the communities in which they serve, to act and be viewed as credible messengers by persons at high risk of offending. The program would be directly funded by the State of New York through RECAP. The department would participate as a partner agency with no additional costs upon the city.

The committee further watched the following video provided by DCJS regarding this program:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sU0MGuDRsvk>

**Training update** – The following training initiatives were attended by members of the department:

- Rescue Task Force training next week, 22 and 23 February, 0800-1600—
- Virtual NIBIN
- PO Buczek graduated from Instructor Development School
- Officers to Breath Analysis Operator Course
- Officers to Child Abduction Investigation Course
- DARE Instructor School – Officer Nick Osowick
- Mental Health Updates 4 hrs.
- Multiple Topics training (Wellness, CPS, ABLE, Chaplaincy) 4 hrs.
- April- Emergency Vehicle Operations and Pursuits
- Annual Compliance – 3 hours- Workplace Violence, Bloodborne Pathogens, Sexual Harassment
- Juvenile Law and Procedures
- Confidentiality of Records and Information
- Milestone Server Training
- Lockup training (dispatch)
- Lifevac device
- Body Worn Cameras
- Family reunification and assistance
- Suicide prevention in the lockup
- DWI Courtroom Challenges

**School Safety Initiatives** – representatives from Port Jervis PD, Deerpark PD and the Port Jervis City School District met on February 14<sup>th</sup> to plan school safety initiatives including a canine training drill, utilizing the Rt. 209 campus to conduct tactical training during Spring

recess in April, providing school police officers with access to department records management system from the Rt 209 complex, providing active shooter training for teachers and staff, and conducting a training drill during the month of May.

**Cordico Wellness App** – Members of the department administration and employee assistance team are reviewing the Cordico wellness application that provides 24 hours of day access to confidential mental health and wellness services to officers, support staff and families. The cost of this program is \$6,999.00 annually. The committee reviewed the program and will continue to research additional wellness programs for potential implementation.

**Officer Contact Cards:** The committee discussed buying options for issuing business cards for officers as per the Reform Committee Recommendations from 2021. Mr. Simmons and other committee members recommended obtaining quotes from various on-line resources for ordering bulk quantities of 1000 cards per officer to ensure each officer has a sufficient supply of cards.

**Life Vac:** The department purchased Life Vac emergency devices to treat victims who are choking. A device has been placed in each patrol vehicle and officers have received updated training to deploy these life saving devices. The committee further watched a brief video demonstrating the device: <https://lifevac.net/inside-edition-stranger-saves-10-month-old-baby-with-lifevac/>

#### **Outreach:**

The department will be participating in the following community outreach initiatives:

Read Across America- Month of March at ASK and HBE Elementary Schools.

Foot Patrols

Multi-Agency Pop Up Food Pantry and Vital Services Outreach in partnership with Catholic Charities and other community agencies- Potential locations- Veterans Park, Engine 4 Fire Station, Riverside Park. Date and location to be determined and forwarded to Common Council.

#### Old Business: Updates

- Range Building – The committee was updated on a revised plan to reduce the size of the proposed building by approximately 600 square feet. Committee moved the matter to the Common Council for authorization to solicit a new request for proposals.
- LPR Sites: Hudson Valley Computer Guys of New Windsor have ordered the camera infrastructure for the three fixed license plate reader sites. The hardware may take approximately 60 days for receipt. Installation anticipated during month of May.

- **Body Cameras** – Officers have been trained and are deploying the body worn cameras for calls for service. Some minor technical issues experienced with charging cameras and inoperable cameras.
- **Emergency Services Club** – Explorer Program- The department is continuing to explore and plan the implementation of a pilot after school club at the Port Jervis High School.

Committee Comments:

CPAC Member Mr. Monahan inquired about the process for investigating abuse of handicapped parking permits.

Public Comment: No Comment

Executive Session: N/A

Adjournment: 7:15pm

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*William J. Worden  
Chief of Police*