



MINUTES

Thursday, March 17, 2022

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Zoom

Advisory Board Members Present: William Dyson (Chair), Andrew Clark, Cheryl Sharp, Tanya Hughes, Rashad Glass, Robert Klin, Commissioner James Rovella, Chief Riddick, Gail Hardy, Stacey Manware, Michael Gailor, Marc Pelka

Staff: Ken Barone, Jim Fazzalano

Guests: Assistant Chief Kenny Howell (Hartford PD), Chief Jason Thody (Hartford PD), Francisco Gomez (NHTSA), Shannon Trice (NHTSA)

- I. Welcome & Introductions
 - a. Chair Dyson convened the meeting at 10:02am. Members introduced themselves.
- II. Approval of the January 20, 2022, meeting minutes
 - a. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved by a voice vote.
- III. Old Business
 - a. Hartford PD 2020 Data Compliance Issue- Hartford PD Presentation/Discussion

Ken Barone updated members about the data reporting issues that were identified in the Hartford PD 2020 data. He introduced the Hartford Police Chief to further discuss the issue.

Chief Thody indicated that he met with Ken Barone and CTRP3 staff to discuss the data compliance issue. The department believed the low report number to be a result of COVID-19, and the interruptions caused to the department. In December of 2021, they

were notified about the missing records and took steps such as paying overtime to correct the issue before the CTRP3 deadline. When they were notified, they acted swiftly, and submitted the missing records within a three-week timeframe. The department continues to struggle with issues with their RMS vendor, but the department is working to fix reporting issues moving forward. Chief Thody assured members that he will remain on top of the monthly reporting moving forward.

Ken informed members that CJIS has been working with Hartford's new RMS vendor, Central Square, to provide them with the information they need to fully integrate the data collection requirements into the system. This will greatly improve the timely reporting of traffic stop records for Hartford PD.

Members asked the Chief some follow-up questions about the new RMS vendor and whether that is the best product for the department's needs. Chief Thody expressed some concerns with the current vendor, but assured advisory board members that the city was aware of the challenges moving forward.

Commissioner Rovella asked for clarification if the department has completed submitting missing records. Chief Thody informed the Commissioner that all the completed records were submitted. Unfortunately, a small number of records were missing pertinent information and could not be submitted. Ken stated that due to the time that had passed it would not be helpful to ask officer to guess on the records with missing information and those records would not be able to be recovered.

Lastly, Ken informed the advisory board that the research team would need to re-analyze the Hartford PD data and would share the results of that analysis once it has been completed.

IV. New Business

a. Data Submission Falsification- Former Norwalk PD Officer

Ken Barone made advisory board members aware of a recent news article which identified a Norwalk police officer who was recently arrested for falsifying traffic stop records. The officer has been fired and the department attempted to identify which records they believe were falsified. He suggested that the advisory board authorize the removal of this officer's traffic stop records from the 2021 analysis. After a brief discussion, members agreed that the

records should not be included in the 2021 analysis due to them being falsified.

V. General Discussion

a. JJPOC Pedestrian Stop Proposal

The JJPOC submitted a request to collect information on some pedestrian stops. The proposed bill would also update the statutory definition of racial profiling to reflect the definition developed by the advisory board. Ken Barone informed members that he requested that the legislature provide the advisory board until at least the end of this calendar year to determine how to implement a data collection program for pedestrians. He also recommended that any new requirements not take effect until at least January 1, 2024.

b. Police Transparency & Accountability Task Force Primary/Secondary Stop proposal

Members were briefly updated on a bill raised by the Judiciary Committee with recommendations from the Police Transparency and Accountability Task Force. One of the recommendations would have changed a number of motor vehicle violations. The project staff will keep members apprised of the status of the legislation.

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:26 a.m.