



MINUTES

Thursday, October 20, 2022

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Zoom

Advisory Board Members Present: William Dyson (Chair), Andrew Clark, Chief Riddick, Gail Hardy, Joe Cristalli, Marc Pelka, Chief Fusaro, Shannon Trice, Allison Beas, Cheryl Sharp, Tanya Hughes, Rashad Glass, Dan Parlapiano

Staff: Ken Barone, Jim Fazzalaro, Erica Escobar

Guest: Scott Devico, Bill Cummings

I. Welcome & Introductions

Chair Dyson convened the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

On behalf of the entire advisory board, Chair Bill Dyson offered his heartfelt sympathy, prayers and support to the families of Lt. DeMonte and Sgt. Hamzy, the Bristol Police Department, and the larger Bristol community. He dedicated time for members to share condolences and offer their support after the senseless killing of the two Bristol police officers.

II. Approval of the September 22, 2022, meeting minutes

Andrew Clark made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Tanya Hughes. The minutes were approved via voice vote.

III. Old Business

a. Connecticut State Police Data Audit update

Ken Barone updated members on the status of the review of traffic stop records submitted by CSP. Project staff reviewed records for the four Troopers identified in the IA investigations conducted by CSP. It was determined that all four Troopers submitted falsified racial profiling records over the course of several years. It was determined that at least 1,372 false infraction records were submitted by three of

the four Troopers. It was not possible to determine if non-infraction records were falsified by any of these Troopers. One of the four Troopers was using information from traffic crashes to falsify traffic stop records.

After reviewing the activity for the four Troopers, the project staff conducted a review of records for all personnel working in Troop E in 2018. A total of 79 Troopers were evaluated. 38 of the 79 had at least 1 record unaccounted for. 13 Troopers had more than 10 unaccounted for infractions. The three Troopers who had the most unaccounted for infractions were the Troopers investigated by IA.

As part of the review, staff also identified a historical duplicate data issue with CSP records. CSP's RMS vendor informed us that in 2018, a system change was made to prevent CSP personnel from pulling multiple records per call. Duplicate case numbers inflated the actual number of traffic stops conducted by CSP between 2014 and 2018.

Based on the limited information review by the project staff, Ken Barone and Jim Fazzalaro recommended a full audit of CSP records.

Chief Fusaro asked how the staff could better determine an appropriate margin of error. Ken Barone stated that the staff is working with the research team to determine how to best determine standard deviation. Chief Fusaro also asked if this problem would impact municipal police departments. Ken Barone stated that although it is possible, in his determination it is unlikely. Municipal police dispatch traffic stop records differently than CSP and that difference would likely prevent this problem from occurring.

Several members asked if we could determine the demographic information submitted in the falsified records. Ken stated that this could be done for the four Troopers investigated, but would be harder to determine for other Troopers without additional information being provided by CSP.

Commissioner Rovella was unable to attend the meeting, but Ken Barone informed members that he spoke with the Commissioner who recommended that a more comprehensive audit be conducted of Troop E before proceeding with a more expanded audit.

Chair Dyson asked, how long and what kind of resources would the full audit require? Ken Barone stated that a full audit would take 2-3 months and resources are currently available to complete this task.

Chief Riddick stated that he would prefer to hear from the Commissioner to better understand why CSP was asking for a more limited audit. Chief Fusaro agreed that the advisory board should wait until after hearing from the Commissioner.

Marc Pelka asked if project staff would spend some time designing a plan to audit records and present that plan to the Data subcommittee. Ken Barone stated that staff could certainly put together a proposal for review by the subcommittee. Chair Dyson agreed and with no objection, the staff was asked to develop a plan for review by the subcommittee.

b. Appointing subcommittees chairs and members

The board approved the chairs for the three subcommittees recently established by the advisory board. Stacey Manware was approved to chair the Data Collection, Analysis, and Quality subcommittee. Gail Hardy was approved to chair the Community Outreach subcommittee, and Tanya Hughes was approved to chair the Policy subcommittee.

IV. New Business

a. Hartford PD vehicle search question and clarification

This item was tabled for the next meeting.

V. General Discussion

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 17, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. There was no discussion, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:23 a.m.