

Summary Municipal Leaders & Police Chiefs Workgroup Conference Call 7-28-2020

Open Introduction and Overview:

New York State Executive Order No. 203 requires that each local government entity that has a police agency must perform a comprehensive review of current police force deployments, strategies, policies, procedures. Each municipality will review current policies and procedures and work toward improving what is already in place. The municipalities will address racial bias and disproportionate policing of communities of color and work with Stakeholders within the community to address their concerns of police procedures within the different communities in Dutchess County. The workgroups will collaborate to create a more consistent policy and develop a template for municipal adoption. Time frame to have the reform completed is by April 2021, committees' goal is to have a completed template for each municipal by November 2020. Police Reform plan must be completed and submitted to New York State before deadline for municipalities to continue to receive State and Federal funding.

Review of Committees:

The Dutchess County Police Reform and Modernization Collaborative is comprised of 3 Primary groups: The Community Stakeholder Workgroup, the Municipal Leaders and Police Chiefs Workgroup, and the Administrative Support Group. The list of the member of each of these committees can be found on our website.

The role of the committees will be to create a consistent policy and a template for municipal adoption. Each municipal has been asked to submit current police policies and procedures for review by Kyle Ketcham. As of 7/28 most of the municipals have submitted their policies and procedures for review. Dutchess County Sheriff department will be working with the Police Chiefs to help in the reform process. Each municipal will identify key Stakeholder members within their community to help with the reform process and engage with those groups through public comment sessions.

Future Meetings:

The Municipal Leaders and Police Chiefs Workgroup will meet every other week, the next meeting will be Tuesday, August 11 at 2PM.

Next Steps:

- Submit use of force policies to Kyle Ketcham.
- Local officials should consider what local stakeholders should be invited to participate in the public comment process.
- A "reading list" will be provided for the first topic area in advance of our next meeting.