



Municipal Leaders and Police Chiefs Police Reform & Modernization Collaborative

Update Call Summary 8-25-20

Webpage Rollout

Dutchess County Police Reform & Modernization will have its own page posted on the Dutchess County website. The page will be available for the public to view pertinent information such as; the Executive Orders 203, FAQs, Community stakeholder's bios, workgroup committee list with each workgroup member, along with the upcoming Community Forums. The page will have the most updated committee summaries and a sign up for the public to register for Forums. The page will also have a feature that the public can use to get updates on the collaborative as things are progressing forward.

Community Forums

The Dutchess County Commission on Human Rights members has been asked by the County Executive to collaborate with the Police Reform collaborative to host county wide forums in the effort to reach the entire county. The Human Rights Commission will be hosting county forums geographically in English and Spanish via Zoom. The purpose of the community forums is to give the community a chance to give feedback on Police Reform. Each forum will be for one and half hour, or longer. The public will be asked to register in advance and only specific people who work, live, worship within the municipality will have the opportunity to speak for 3 minutes.

Community Stakeholders Focus Group First Meeting

Building Public Trust and Legitimacy while Enhancing Connection to the Community was the first focus group meeting topic. A brief was created and shared with everyone in the focus group and all the workgroups. One of the main topics of discussion was the character of the police and their role within the community, to serve and protect. Concerns of lost connections between the police and the community needs improvement. The non-enforcement interactions need to be created where police officer's communication and connect with the community, potentially serving as mentors within their communities. Other topics that were discussed was the number of college credits that are needed for one to serve as an officer in Dutchess County. The need to give candidates an opportunity to fulfill this requirement over a period may help to add diversity to the police department. Please see attached brief; [Focus Area 1 - Ideas and Brief](#)

Each municipality has been asked to read the guidance document that was sent out by the State and think about ways in which this group and the County can help them achieved the requirements. Attached below is the State Guidance link.

https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/Police_Reform_Workbook81720.pdf

Group Discussion -Procedural Justice Training

Procedural Justice Training was offered by the City of Poughkeepsie Police Department and was hosted by the Dutchess County Sheriff Department. The training provided ideas of fairness in the processes that helps police resolve disputes and allocate resources. Procedural justices concern the fairness and the transparency of the processes by which decision are mad and may be contrasted with distributive justice and retributive justice. The training was an eight-hour training that was very beneficial to everyone that participated. Chief Pape from the City of Poughkeepsie shared additional information.

Meeting Dates:

The next meeting will be September 8th at 2PM. Future dates and time will be given then