

Camden and Wyoming Chief Advisory Board

8/12/2024 Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Chief Marcus Whitney
Chief Richard Baker
Fleur McKendell
Dr. Corey Miklus
Bishop Carol Boggerty
Maryann Faust
Mike Morasco

1. Meeting called to order at 6:06pm by Fleur McKendell.
2. Meeting minutes from the 5/12/2024 meeting adopted. Mr. Morasco moved and Bishop Boggerty seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Code of Conduct adopted. Mr. Morasco moved and Bishop Boggerty seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Wyoming Police Updates by Chief Baker:
 - a. Increase in home improvement fraud complaints- senior residents are the main complainants.
 - b. Domestic violence complaints are still a trend.
 - c. There was a strong-armed robbery at the Town's basketball court.
 - d. A bike rider who received a citation made an official complaint against Chief Baker stating that Chief Baker denied his FOIA rights because his request for a copy of a specific report was denied. Per Chief Baker, the report type requested was not subject to FOIA laws. The complaint was closed and a certified complaint status letter was mailed to the complainant.
5. Camden Police Updates y Chief Whitney:
 - a. Increase in reports of questionable solicitation. For example, a solicitor advised a resident that they are there to help decrease their electric bill but have no proof they are affiliated with utility company.
 - b. Sexual offenses involving minors are being reported by school districts.

- c. Through the Take Care Delaware Program, to date, approximately 4,600 notices have been sent to law enforcement agencies throughout Delaware.
- d. Uptick in Part 1 physical offenses and gun activity. There was a recent incident at Walmart where an officer's holster was removed and two officers were pepper sprayed.
- e. There was another incident that occurred at Brown's Tavern where an intoxicated patron pulled a gun out on an officer. The officer drew his weapon but did not shoot.

6. Student Subcommittee:

- a. Dr. Miklus reported that retired State Trooper, Mark Gaglione, is now the Coordinator of Safety and Security for the Caesar Rodney School District. He will be in charge of overseeing the Chief Advisory Board's Student Subcommittee.
- b. More information on the Student Subcommittee will be provided at the next meeting.

7. Open Discussion:

- a. Mike Morasco noted that the Peach Festival was a great event and that he is happy to see that officers are present throughout the community.
- b. Trespassers believed to be homeless have been caught in Mr. Morasco's warehouse near the old Wyoming Concrete facility, and he personally handled their removal from the premises. Chief Baker advised Mr. Morasco to call the police department if it happens again to make a record and so that resources can be offered to the individuals.
- c. Chief Whitney is researching a confidentiality statement for members of the Chief Advisory Board to sign. Each Board member acknowledged their agreement. Bishop Boggerty noted that she will share what Dover's Advisory Board uses with Chief Whitney.
- d. Chief Whitney advised that at some Chief Advisory Board meetings, select trainings can be facilitated to count towards training requirements.

8. Adjournment:

- a. Bishop Boggerty moved to adjourn. Fleur McKendell seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:06pm.