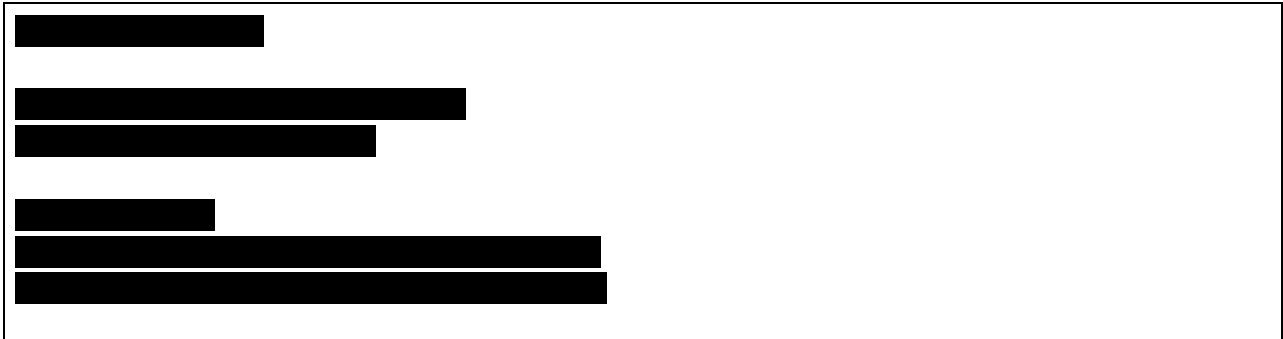


Working Group for Police & Community
Thursday, September 2, 2021
5:15 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.



AGENDA

1. Co-Chair Welcome

- a. Updates for the Good of the Group

2. Facilitator Introductory Matters

- a. Confirmation of Group Memory (Attached)
- b. Use of Preferred Names
- c. Introduction of the Topic – Community Relationships and Community Presence

3. Remarks on Current Practices

- a. Remarks by Chief Stalder on Current Practices (See Attached)
- b. Remarks by Officer Hutchinson on Personal Participation
- c. Questions by the Group for Chief Stalder or Officer Hutchinson

4. Small Group Exercise – Community Relationships and Community Presence

- a. Introduction of Exercise, “Keep, Improve, Consider”

First, each small group should identify **at least three** current programs of the Laramie PD to **KEEP as is**.

Example – The bike safety class for kids is great! It should continue exactly as is.

Second, each small group should identify **up to two** current programs that the Laramie PD could considering **IMPROVE**, or modifying to make them better.

Example – The “Coffee with a Cop” program is valuable – but the LPD should consider holding it at different locations to reach different audiences.

Third, each group can suggest **up to three** entirely **new** ideas for the Laramie PD to **CONSIDER adding**.

Example – Has the LPD ever considered doing a weekly guest appearance on a.m. radio to take questions from residents?

*** As you complete this exercise, please keep in mind the identified values and be mindful of the limited resources (including financial and time) of the police department. ***

b. Reporting Out in Large Group and Consensus Building

5. *Next Meeting, Time & Topic*

Proposed meeting, September 16, 5:15 MST.

Proposed topic, Information Gathering on Community Oversight

Working Group for Police & Community - Group Memory Meeting August 19, 2021

Meeting Goal: The primary purpose of this meeting was to identify the community's shared values for a good police force and introduce identified topics of interest for future committee discussions.

Election of Co-Chairs: Interviews conducted with individual committee members suggested that a Co-chair structure could benefit this committee. After conferring with members of the City Council, it was determined that the committee had the authority to make this change to the structure of Working Group leadership. The Working Group decided by consensus to adopt a Co-Chair structure.

Having adopted this structure, the committee then took nominations for the Co-Chair positions. Nominations and seconds were put forward for Tracey Rosenlund and Mitch Cushman, who were elected to the positions of Co-Chairs by consensus.

Values Visioning: The working group engaged in an exercise to collectively establish what the community believes to be important values for a police force in their community. The values include:

- Compassion, Sensitivity, and Empathy
- Integrity, Responsibility, and Professionalism
- Community Collaboration, Presence, and Communication
- Respect, Fairness, and Honor
- Transparency, Accountability, Honesty, and Trust

With these values, the committee emphasized the underlying importance of mutuality between police and the community.

Identification of Topics of Interest: The Facilitators introduced a list of proposed discussion topics (see attached) based on the findings of a committee survey and individual interviews. Discussion of the list indicated that it was comprehensive but reflected the goals adopted in the resolution. There was consensus that this list of topics provided a good starting point for future discussion. The list of topics remains flexible.

Next Working Group Meeting: September 2, 2021 from 5:15pm – 7:00pm (MST).

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS / PD INITIATIVES / DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL INVOLVEMENT

Community Partnerships

- Sexual Assault Response Team (SART)
- A-Team
- Mental Health Board / Alternative Response Subcommittee
- Community Juvenile Service Board
- UW Cares Team
- LCCC Cares Team
- Child Protection Team
- Adult Protective Services
- UW Deans Office Liaison
- Guest Lecturers/ Instructors @ UW, LCCC, Law Enforcement Academy
- Rotary Club
- Leadership Laramie (2 graduates)
- City of Laramie Plan Review
- Stranger Danger classes elementary schools
- Bomb robot to schools during science fairs in elementary schools

PD Initiatives

- Coffee with a Cop
- Shop with a Cop
- Safety City (annually since 1994)
- Bicycle Education classes
- National Faith and Blue Weekend*
- Police Assisted and Recovery Initiative (PAARI) Partnership Agency
- Special Olympics
- National Law Enforcement Memorial Week activities
- Publicly requested talks on safety, the job of police officers, robbery prevention, home & business safety (PD has 3 certified Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) officers), and other topics of interest to community members
- Touch a Truck program (patrol vehicles and bearcat)
- Safe Treat – Halloween
- Back to School Bash – partnership with Big Brothers / Big Sisters
- Strong FaceBook presence in community

PD Personnel Involvement

- Hockey coaching
- Baseball coaching
- Church groups

- Soup Kitchen volunteers
- Salvation Army volunteers
- 4-H volunteers
- Local Boards and community groups or clubs – SAFE Project Board of Directors (continual involvement for last 20 years), Civic Center Board of Directors (continual involvement for last 15 years)
- Read-a-thon at daycares during Dr Seuss week.
- National lip-sync challenge

*First time involvement 2021