

2022
Springfield Police Advisory Committee
Annual Report

Executive Summary:

The following report is respectfully submitted covering the activity of the Springfield Police Advisory Committee (SPAC) for the timeframe of January 2022 through December 2022.

This report highlights the activity reported as Business from the Audience, Business from Springfield Police Department, Policy Reviews and Business from the Committee.

Items that the committee would like to specifically call attention to that reflect our commitment to fostering greater understanding and transparency around police operations and community connection are as follows:

- The frequency of SPAC meetings moved from monthly to bimonthly with the understanding that we would meet more frequently as needed.
- We collaborated with SPD by reviewing 13 policies to help the department ensure the policies are clear, current and relevant.
- We were able to hear from Springfield citizens and members of the committee to address local and regional concerns.

Finally, the SPAC would like to highlight the accomplishment of Chief Shearer and his staff for their successful implementation of the IAPro Software in order to better track commendations, complaints and use of force investigations.

Additionally, in 2022, SPAC adopted these goals for the committee:

- Build awareness and outreach between the community as a whole and SPD with the focus on engaging BIPOC, LGBTQ+, and other historically minoritized communities.
- Review SPD policies as determined by the committee and/or those recommended by SPD.

2022 In Review:

Business from the Audience:

- Saw decreased public comment over the last year.
- Still some community concerns about SPD handling of protests.
- Support for civilian review board.

Business from SPD:

- Community Survey completed and presented.
- SPD promoted and hired a number of roles.
- SPD took opportunities to recognize Springfield residents.
- SPD had lots of great interaction with the community...helped in part by the efforts of the new PI Officer, Zak Gosa-Lewis.
- Jail Levy passed.
- SPD pursuing accreditation and received a Federal grant to hire project manager to facilitate the process.

Policy Review:

- Reviewed 13 policies on a wide range of subjects as selected by the SPAC Policy Review Subcommittee.
- A number of policies identified for updating as part of accreditation process.

Business from the Committee:

- Spent some good time clarifying the role of SPAC members and our goals.
- Noted some unwanted/criminal activity as well as made some requests for increased patrol in some areas.
- Brought community concerns to SPD.

Next Steps and Discussion:

In order to conclude the SPAC annual report, the SPAC has generated a list of recommendations for Council's consideration:

Recommendations:

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