

Police Practice Group

CIVIC FEDERATION

April 20, 2021

Members of the PPG

- **Allison Carpenter**, Deputy Public Defender for Arlington & Falls Church
- **Cicely Whitfield**, longtime Arlington resident and advocate
- **David FitzGerald**, member of the Community Service Board
- **Devanshi Patel**, local social justice lawyer and resident
- **Elizabeth Jones Valderrama**, Executive Director of Offender Aid and Restoration
- **Kathleen McSweeney**, active resident and advocate
- **Kent Carter**, Vice President of the Arlington Branch NAACP
- **Kim Phillip**, founding member of Arlington for Justice
- **LaTasha Chamberlain**, Captain, ACPD
- **Matt Puia**, Sergeant, ACPD
- **Naomi Verdugo**, advocate and member of the Arlington Mental Health and Disability Alliance
- **Rodney Turner**, longtime Arlington resident and advocate
- **Saul Reyes**, Executive Director of BU-GATA
- **Scott Wanek**, President of the Arlington Coalition of Police
- **Whytni Kernodle**, Co-Founder of Black Parents of Arlington

- **Ex-Officio Members:** Stephen A. MacIsaac, Arlington County Attorney; Parisa Dehghani-Tafti, Commonwealth Attorney for Arlington; Brian Stockton, APS

PPG Additional Areas of Focus

- **Civilian review board –what type and approach**
- **Role of the Police Department in responding to behavioral health crises**
- **Role for the Police Department in traffic enforcement**
- **Opportunity for alternative dispute resolution, including restorative justice and mediation**



PPG Activities August 2020- January 2021

- Held 60+ PPG full and subcommittee meetings
- Accessed expert presentations and research
- Hosted:
 - 5 community learning series
 - 4 stakeholder roundtables
- Reviewed over 250 comments submitted via online feedback options

PPG Subcommittee: Civilian Review Board

Charge

Identify potential models and related considerations for launching a Civilian Review Board in Arlington

Focus

- Models
- Authority
- Composition
- Role
- Training



Civilian Review Board

Appoint a Civilian Review Board

Adopt a Hybrid Model of Civilian Oversight that includes an Auditor/Monitor

CRB Review Proposed Authority

- Receive complaints
- Review investigations
- Advise on Policies and Procedures
- Issue Public Reports
- Engage with the Community
- Still weighing subpoena authority

FY 22 Proposed Budget

Funding for
Auditor/Monitor Position

Civilian Review Board: Next Steps

TIME FRAME	ACTIONS
May 2021	Request to Advertise Ordinance for the development of a Civilian Review Board
June 2021	Public Hearing and Board Adoption
July 2021	State Authority (July 1)
Summer 2021	Appoint CRB Members Recruit & Hire Auditor/Monitor
Fall 2021	Launch CRB

PPG Subcommittee: Traffic Enforcement

Charge

Identify potential models for traffic enforcement that might be applicable for Arlington.

Focus

- Understanding reasons for traffic stops
- Understanding the demographics related to traffic stops
- Exploring alternative enforcement strategies (including engineering/technology)



Traffic Enforcement

Traffic Data

Conduct regular independent audits of traffic enforcement

Improve data collection

Define key performance metrics

Traffic, Policy, Technology, and Safety

Addition of unsworn staff for parking enforcement, traffic control, and safety

Legislative authority to expand beyond red light/speed

Review criteria for red light location

Enhance coordination w/Vision Zero

Focus traffic stops for safety violations – without pretexts consistent w/State Code

Recruit/hire a more diverse ACPD workforce

Equity in Traffic Enforcement

Work with State Legislative Delegation to study options for developing a sliding scale to pay fines

Work with Local Judges on creating sliding fees

Consider warnings prior to fines for red light and speed camera violations

Traffic
Enforcement:
Next Steps

FY 22 PROPOSED BUDGET:

Police

- 6 FTE positions for parking enforcement, traffic control, and safety

Vision Zero

- Data Analyst position for traffic data

PPG Subcommittee: Mental Health and Policing

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Mental Health and Policing

Focus

- Mental Health and Law Enforcement/Legal System
- Access to Effective Mental Health Services



Mental Health Co-Response & Mobile Crisis

- Prepare clinicians for co-response to increase Department of Human Services (DHS) co-response capacity
- Initiate transition from Co-Responder to Mobile Crisis model
- Procure specialized vehicles for transition to Mobile Crisis
- Establish Emergency Communications Center protocol
- Maximize use of state contracted alternative (non-police) transport service
- Develop the Crisis Intervention Center (CIC) so that it is a 24/7/365 drop-off center for police, Emergency Services, and others (e.g., family members)
- •Use data and after-action reviews
- •Plan for a 3 year phased approach with ACPD, ECC, Fire/EMS

Mental Health: Next Steps

FY 22 PROPOSED BUDGET:

Personnel

- Physician Assistant– to support increased diversion to the Crisis Intervention Center (CIC) (\$140,946, 1.0 FTE)
- Psychiatric Nurse– to enhance capacity at the CIC with the goal of decreasing admission refusals(\$112,901, 1.0 FTE)
- Emergency Services Clinician– to support increased shifts at the CIC(\$125,393, 1.0 FTE)
 - *PLEASE note that these positions reflect the first year of a three-year implementation plan*

Non-personnel

- One medically equipped vehicle dedicated to the mobile crisis unit (\$90,000 one-time, \$14,000 ongoing),
- One contracted peer recovery specialist (\$65,000) to support the mobile crisis response and crisis stabilization services, and
- Operating Equipment (\$25,799).

Alternative Dispute Resolution

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Identify potential strategies in lieu of traditional policing or criminal justice strategies.

Focus

- The Culture of Calling 911
- Alternatives to Law Enforcement for Preventing Conflict and Crime in Communities
- Alternatives to Involvement in the Criminal Legal System



Alternative Dispute Resolution

- **Repeal Section 17-13(C) of the Arlington County Ordinance (Failure to Produce ID)**
- **Emergency Communication Center Training**
- **Community Conversations on the Use of 911 & proposed 988 crisis line to be implemented by July 2022 with the passage of the Hotline Designation Act**

FY22 Budget: \$65,000 for ECC Training

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