

Peekskill Police Reform Task Force



Public Meeting via Zoom and Live on Gov. Channels and
Facebook Live
January 21, 2021

Meeting Agenda

Welcome - Task Force Co-Chair Antonio Knott

How to Participate - Susie Erdey

Project Goals and Timeline - Co Chair Antonio Knott

Committee Chair Presentations and Public Comment

General Public Comments

Thank You - Task Force Co-Chair Mayor Rainey

9:00 PM Meeting Ends

Rules for Public Comment

Comments on any aspect of police reform agenda are welcome from the public

Some Questions may not be possible to answer during tonight's meeting, but will be referred to the Task Force for research

Task Force members will **listen**, but may not always be able to respond

Type your name into the Chat window so the facilitator-moderator will know to call on you to speak

Commenters will be called on in the **order in which they signed up** in the Chat window

3- minute maximum per comment

Additional comments to Task Force email address: policetaskforce10566@gmail.com

What is the Police Reform Task Force?

The Peekskill Police Reform Task Force is a diverse group of city residents and policy experts convened to respond to the NYS Executive Order on police reform.

Governor Cuomo's executive order, coming in the aftermath of the George Floyd killing, orders City Managers and Police Chiefs to draft reform plans in consultation with the communities they serve. Each police agency's reform plan must address policies, procedures, practices, and deployment, including but not limited to use of force, and address issues of racial disparities wherever they exist.

The reform plan must incorporate community comments, involve diverse stakeholders, and be adopted by the City Council and submitted to the State by April 1, 2021.

Task Force Timeline

- December**
- Draft a Internal preliminary list of recommendations

- January**
- Jan 21st Public Meeting present preliminary recommendations

- February**
- Deadline for additional public comment
 - Draft and incorporate the Public Comment
 - Present preliminary report City Council

- March**
- Finalize recommendations for presentation to City Council
 - City Council will make Resolution of receiving taskforce recommendations

- April/May**
- Final Council meeting if needed
 - Taskforce convene to debrief

Upcoming Dates to Remember

January 21 - Public Meeting

January 23 - Task Force Saturday Retreat

February 4 - Draft Plan available for public comment

February 11 - Public Meeting on Draft Plan

February 18 - Deadline for written public comments (2 week comment period)

March 1 - City Council COW meeting - discussion of Draft Plan

March 15- City Council COW meeting - discussion of Draft Plan

March 22 - City Council vote on Plan

March 29 - Final council meeting if needed -- April 1 - NYS Deadline

2021-2022 - Implementation process

Public Meeting Dates

October 1, 2020

November 5, 2020

December 17, 2020

January 21, 2021

February 11 TBA - Public Comment and Meeting on Draft Plan and Recommendations

March 1, 15 and 22 - TBA - City Council presentation and review of Draft Plan

Task Force Members by Sub-Committee

Transparency/ Accountability	Recruitment/Hiring	Policies and Procedures	Education, Training and Equipment	Community Engagement	Organizing Committee
Joseph Teel - Chair	Tricia Pickering - Chair	Derek Wright - Chair	Valerie Eaton - Chair	Jennifer Carpenter- Chair	Antonio Knott - Chair
Antonio Knott	Martin McDonald	Chief Don Halmy	Brandon Smith	Jenna Ferris	Andy Stewart
Eileen Sullivan	Ramon Fernandez	Christopher Calabrese	Andre Rainey	Katherine Quezada	Andre Rainey - Chair
Andy Stewart	PO LaLindez	Jeffrey Deskovic	Liz Olivieto	Wilfredo Morel	Susie Erdey
Jay Forbes		(Steve Ronco)	PO Sgroi	Susie Erdey	Chief Don Halmy
Sgt Kruithof			Ariana Okoth	Sgt Khalia Carter	Ramon Fernandez

Sub Committee Updates



Transparency/Accountability

Chair: Joseph Teel

Data Transparency on Police Programs and Operation

- Including policing data on webpage

Publish Police Manual online

- Work with Chief on areas to include and to make researching item user friendly

The Peekskill Police Department should acquire national accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA)

- Seek National accreditation for the Department

Police Community Review Board models and concepts

Expand on items included

- True Independence
- Funding from the City
- Report findings to the City

Recruitment/Hiring

Chair: Tricia Pickering

- Explorers Program, ages 14-21 years old
- Hiring Process - Citizen Role
- Appointed person from the City council acting as a Liaison to the police department
- Expansion of the SRO position
- Revising the Civil State legislature regarding the 3 in 1 rule

Policies and Procedures

Chair: Derek Wright

Updating operating procedures in the Peekskill Department Manual in sections:

- 5.2 - Use of Force
- 10.2 - Interviews and Interrogations
- 19.1 & 10.2 Juveniles
- 13.5 - Search Warrants

Making new additions to the Peekskill Department Manual in reference to:

- Mental Health Response Teams & Non-binary prisoner lodging

Education, Training and Equipment

Chair: Valerie Eaton

- Dash Cams/Body Cams
- Anti-Racism Education (including increasing in-service training to 40 hours)
- Approachable Vehicles (including maintenance w/1033 grant)
- Less Than Lethal Weaponry
- Public Forums
- Crisis Intervention Training
- Active Bystandership (ABLE Training)
- De-escalation Training

Community Engagement

Chair: Jennifer Carpenter

- Listening sessions between the Peekskill PD and community should be on-going
- Community policing
- Establish a Community coordination team
- Track and analyze police/community relations routinely
- Provide regular updates to the community and local government on progress being made on implementing specific recommendations

Public Comments are Welcome!!!