

## Recap of Second Precinct CAC Meeting of February 8, 2023

Meeting held in-person at VBVR Station #14 Conference Room. Thirty-two (32) persons were in attendance. Two additional persons signed into the concurrent Zoom meeting.

**Mr. Agresti** acknowledged CAC Secretary Lynn Hightower's return, wished him continued health, and thanked him for hosting the Zoom meeting.

**Deputy Chief Sean Adams** attended to add prestige and color to the awards presented to the following deserving personnel:

- Volunteer of the Year (2022) – Lisa McDonnell
- Civilian of the Year (2022) – Deborah Kopicki (in abstentia)
- Officer of the Fourth Quarter 2022 – PO Paul D Medway
- Officer of the Year (2022) – POII Michael A Cahill
- Supervisor of the Year (2022) – Sgt. Nicholas A Ball

Both **D/Chief Adams** and **Mr. Agresti** commented on how difficult it is to select awardees since the competition among so many stellar officers is keen. D/Chief Adams added that through the officers' efforts and a holistic approach to thwarting crime, Virginia Beach has seen a reduction of violent crime – something few large cities can claim. He mentioned that **Chief Neudigate** would be briefing the 2022 crime statistics to City Council on Tuesday, February 14. He further mentioned that one of the command staff would like to subsequently visit each CAC to give the same briefing. D/Chief Adams also congratulated the CAC for all it does in support of the police.

Mr. Agresti stated that at the February 6, Citizens' Advisory Board meeting, D/ Chief Adams mentioned that oceanfront activities are scheduled for every weekend from mid-March (Shamrock Marathon) through the Holidays. As if to punctuate the point, Wednesday's newspaper cited two newly scheduled events - Beach It! (a country music festival – June 23 - 25) and the Bulls and Barrels Beach Rodeo (April 15/16). Mr. Agresti mentioned that the expansion of oceanfront events may necessitate an increase in **Adopt-a-Muster** events.

Mr. Agresti stated that **Jenny Perry** and he were invited to the Virginia Beach Hotel Association exposition on February 15 at the Convention Center. They will seek Adopt-a-Muster sponsors at that event. **Ms. Maureen Bourgeois (Great Lake Meadows Civic League)** mentioned that they may be able to support Adopt-a-Muster on relatively short notice.

Mr. Agresti announced that CAC **Vice President Barbara Clark** had resigned and asked if there were any nominations (including self-nominations) for the VP position. No nominations were received.

Mr. Agresti said that he would be overseas for the next scheduled CAC meeting (March 8). Given his absence, the lack of VP nominations, and the pressing need to hold a March meeting (due, in part, to the approaching event season), he asked the attendees to vote for an

alternate date among conference room availability dates of March 14 and 16. The majority voted that **the next CAC meeting will be Tuesday, March 14.**

Mr. Hightower suggested a special recognition for Barbara Clark in view of her decades of support to the CAC. Mr. Agresti mentioned that this was already in the works.

Closing the loop on a question from the January CAC meeting, Mr. Agresti mentioned that he had contacted VB Traffic Engineers and **VBPD Special Operations Commander, Captain J. T. Orr**, on the subject of speed zone/ticketing cameras in school zones. Responses indicated that Virginia State Law allows such monitoring. Captain Orr sought a “sense of the citizenry” on how welcome such cameras would be. A vote of CAC members showed unanimous support for emplacement and use of such cameras.

**Lieutenant Jackie Geluso** represented Captain McBrien. She reiterated the drop in violent crime statistics and mentioned that both VBPD and traffic engineering had responded to citizen concerns to deploy speed monitoring trailers along N. Great Neck Road. Data presented showed that the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile of speed was recorded in the 50 – 51 MPH range – faster than the posted 45 MPH.

Mr. Agresti mentioned that among the achievements of the officers recognized earlier was the effectiveness of traffic patrols in the N. Great Neck/Shore Rd corridors.

Mr. Agresti asked if attendees were comfortable with meeting at 7:000 PM or if they would prefer an earlier commencement time of 6:00 or 6:30. There were no recommendations to move the starting time.

The next CAC meeting, **Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 7:00 PM** in the conference room of VBVRS Station #14 (740 VB Blvd).