

**SUMMARY MINUTES FOR THE  
POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

October 8, 2014  
Greenville, NC

Sgt. Dale Mills called the Police Community Relations Committee meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Police Headquarters (training rooms A&B), 500 South Greene Street, Greenville, NC 27834.

Sgt. Dale Mills asked for a motion for approval of the October 8, 2014 agenda.

Motion: Mr. Richard Crisp  
Second: Mr. Lennard Naipaul

The agenda was unanimously approved by the committee.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

Sgt. Dale Mills asked for a motion for approval of the September 10, 2014 minutes.

Motion: Ms. Belinda Perkinson  
Second: Mr. Richard Crisp

The minutes were unanimously approved by the committee.

**INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Sgt. Dale Mills did not ask each member to introduce themselves and let everyone know which district they represented.

**MISSION OF COMMITTEE AND PURPOSE OF MEETING:**

Sgt. Dale Mills did not read the purpose of the meeting:

- To serve as a liaison between the community and the police;
- To serve as an advocate for programs, ideas, and methods to improve relations between the community and the police;
- To disseminate information to the community and the City with regard to the state of relations between the community and the Greenville Police Department;
- To assist and promote the community education efforts concerning safety awareness and community and individual awareness.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Lennard Naipaul; District 2	Richard Crisp; District 4
Belinda Perkinson; District 3	Diane Kulik; At-Large

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Brian Paiz; Mayoral	Shawan Sutton; Chairperson, District 1
Aaron Lucier; District 5	

**CITY STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Assistant City Attorney, Bill Little; Sgt. Dale Mills, Platoon C; Sylvia Horne, Administration Services Support Specialist; Lt. Richard Tyndall, Special Operation Division.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

None

**OTHERS:**

Visitor from the Daily Reflector

**NEW BUSINESS – Greenville Halloween Plan** – Lieutenant Richard Tyndall, Greenville Police Department, Special Operation Division

Lt. Richard Tyndall introduced himself to the PCRC committee as the Greenville Police Department Special Operations Commander. Lt. Tyndall stated that he deals with the downtown, Center City unit, Tactical Anti-Crime Unit, the Gang Unit, Traffic Safety Unit and the Citizens' on Patrol program.

Lt. Tyndall stated that the Halloween Plan was about 60 to 75 pages long. He stated that for operational purposes; he could not let the committee review it. Lt. Tyndall stated that he started planning for Halloween in mid-September. The police department has reached out and requested officers from 20 agencies throughout eastern NC. Some the agencies are from: New Bern, Rocky Mount, Wilson, Pinehurst, and East Carolina University. Lt Tyndall stated that with the plan there will be 120 Greenville Police Officers assigned just to the downtown area for that night; in addition to the 40 from mutual aid agencies. That does not included Fire/EMS which are huge partners with the Greenville Police Department.

Lt. Tyndall stated that the Police Department was operating on the (National Information Management System (NIMS). This all came about after 9/11. It was a way for the police department to frame their operational plans to meet logistical and tactical needs.

What is it? **“The purpose of NIMS is to provide a common approach for managing incidents. The concepts contained herein provide for a flexible but standardized set of incident management practices with emphasis on common principles, a consistent approach to operational structures and supporting mechanisms, and an integrated approach to resource management.”**

The following points were given for Halloween presentation:

Overview of event

- Size of the crowd is near 15,000 people in approximately a 3 block by 3 block area downtown
- History how police department developed the current deployment plan; started when Chief William Anderson was Chief of Police - he wanted the checking stations to be put into place.
- There are four entrance points to downtown and they are controlled by police officers, so the students/citizens have to pass through a voluntary check-in

station before entering into the event; and to get into the event the students/citizens have to submit to a inspection of purse for weapons, alcohol, etc.

- If students/citizens do not want to go through the check in station or be inspected, they are not allowed to enter into the event area.
- The event is set up with bicycle barricades.
- At each check in station, there are between 25 to 30 police officers working
- Check-in stations: The Scullery (old Cubbies) 5<sup>th</sup> and Evans, Reade and Cotanche (near Jimmy Johns) and downtown near Sup Dogs.
- In the past the police department has had some violence at the Halloween event, however; the deployment plan addresses those concerns and concerns in the surrounding area.
- National framework for large incidents.
- Address logistical and tactical needs of an event.
- The police department will request assistance from approximately 20 agencies throughout eastern North Carolina.
- The police department currently has approximately 40 officers planning to attend from outside agencies + 120 GPD.
- All agencies work under the supervision of Greenville Police Officers; they are agencies the police department has partnered with in the past
- Fire Department and Public Works are a large part of the Halloween Plan.

Lt. Tyndall discussed the logistical needs of the Halloween plan

- There are about 20 volunteers that have signed up to help –mostly from the Greenville Citizen’s Police Academy
- Barricades - are set up like funnels to help direct traffic into the check point areas.
- K-9 dogs – are used for detections of drugs.
- All officers are briefed at the city council chamber for what is to be expected for the night.
- There is medical support on hand available through EMS
- The food for officers sometimes cooked at the police station; then packed up and taken downtown, other times it is donated from restaurants/vendors
- Light towers
- Mobile Command Post
- Contingency Planning – emergencies such as large fights or large parties at the student complexes
- Lt. Tyndall stated that Code Enforcement is heavily involved with the plan by helping set up barricades and clean up efforts.

Lt. Tyndall passed out his business cards to the committee for them to contact him later if they had any questions or concerns.

### **Public Expression and Questions**

The PCRC committee members asked several questions and made several comments. They expressed their concerns regarding having so many police officers focused downtown at the Halloween event; would there be enough officers to cover other parts of the city away from the event. Lt. Tyndall did address the question by letting the

committee know the entire city would be covered.

Mr. Crisp asked if the police officers would use the “Great” buses to get students home who were intoxicated. Lt. Tyndall stated that the ECU students would gravitate to the ECU buses because they are acclimated to them.

Ms. Kulik asked Lt. Tyndall if it was true that the bars let 18 years old in their establishment. Lt. Tyndall said yes it was true.

Ms. Kulik asked what if someone buys an underage person a drink...what would happen to them. Mr. Little stated it would be a Class 2 misdemeanor.

Mr. Little talked briefly on the check point areas regarding student being voluntarily searched.

Sgt. Mills gave the following updates:

- Announced that he met with Chief Aden and the chief came up with three topics of interest. They are as follows: community engagement, ECU on student rights and responsibilities, and body cameras.
- Mentioned advertising the meeting more through social media outlets and Daily Reflector.
- Announced Ms. Kulik returning to the PCRC committee to fill an un-expired term
- Discussed filling another seat on the PCRC committee and reappointing of Ms. Perkinson to her district.
- Mentioned the concern of moving the PCRC meetings back out into the community and districts.
- Made a challenge to the committee members to become more involved and to get the people in their district involved as well so that PCRC can become alive again.
- Sgt. Mills placed a charge to the committee members to select a topic that was important to them and also hold the meeting in their district.
- Ms. Kulik suggested that maybe before the December planning meeting Sgt. Mills provide the committee members a listing of the suggested topics so they could review them and piggy back from the topics for other ideas.
- Sgt. Mills mentioned a yard sign that was shared with him by Ms. Kulik announcing the meeting that was being held within a district. The top part of the sign gave the topic of the meeting. It is interchangeable.
- Ms. Kulik suggested that one of the topics she was very interested in was called “Inside the mind of a criminal.” Meaning to have a criminal to come out and discuss a crime they committed and explain why he/she committed the crime.
- Other interesting topics were suggested by Ms. Kulik was: having a district attorney to speak and gun control.
- Sgt. Mills suggested the topic of having a joint meeting with the Neighborhood Advisory Board the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of the year.

Sgt. Dale Mills asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The next meeting is on November 12, 2014. Meeting place is to be announced.

**ADJOURN – 7:36 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Greenville Police Department  
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