

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

February 13, 2013
Greenville, NC

Chairperson Shawan Sutton called the Police Community Relations Committee meeting to order at 6.30 p.m. at the City Hall Building Training Room 337 located on 201 West Fifth Street, Greenville, NC.

Chairperson Shawan Sutton asked for a motion for approval of the February 13, 2013 agenda.

Motion: Ms. Carol Naipaul
Second: Ms. Belinda Perkinson

The agenda was unanimously approved by the committee.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Chairperson Shawan Sutton asked for a motion for approval of the January 9, 2013 minutes.

Motion: Mr. Wayne Wipple
Second: Ms. Belinda Perkinson

The minutes were unanimously approved by the committee.

INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Chairperson Shawan Sutton asked each member to introduce themselves and let everyone know which district they represented.

MISSION OF COMMITTEE AND PURPOSE OF MEETING:

Chairperson Shawan Sutton stated that the purpose of the Committee was:

- 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:

Shawan Sutton; Chairperson, District 1
Belinda Perkinson; District 3
Marcus Jones; Mayoral

Wayne Whipple; District 4
Carol Naipaul; District 2

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Tom McCullough; Vice Chair, District 5

Brian Paiz; At-Large

CITY STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sylvia Horne, Administration Bureau Secretary; Lt. Edward Carson, PAL, Crime Prevention.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

None

OTHERS:

4 Citizens

NEW BUSINESS

Officer Brian Richardson, ECU's Crime Prevention Unit – ECU Police Department and Off-Campus Living

Brian Richardson, from the ECU Police Department introduced himself and stated that he works with the ECU Police Dept. in the crime prevention unit and also with off-campus. Officer Richardson has been in his position since September of last year. He thanked the citizens for coming out to the PCRC meeting. Officer Richardson discussed the following topics of what the ECU Police Department was doing in the following areas to make the students, and citizens feel safe on and off campus.

ECU is in Collaboration with Greenville Police Department

- Assist the Greenville Police Department in the TRUNA area. ECU Police jurisdiction is limited. They are able to enforce laws in the TRUNA area that are a misdemeanor or felony that occurs in their presence.
- Assist GPD in the downtown area. ECU police works the bus stop areas of Reade Street and also assist the GPD in getting the club patrons out of the bars safely.
- ECU police officers work with off-campus student housing with doing safety programs, domestic violence, and stalking programs, alcohol & drug awareness and identity theft.

Improvement To Security On And Around Campus

- More cameras have been added to the Reade Street lots.
- Five new blue light phones have been added on 5th street. Some of the blue light phones have been upgraded and now have cameras on them for added security.
- Classroom door locks have also been upgraded.

Citizens Police Academy

ECU held a citizen police academy this past Fall 2012. It was 8 weeks long. The class had 8 people to graduate. It is open to the public. Another academy is coming the Fall of 2013.

RAD (Rape Aggression Defense) Classes

There are currently three RAD classes offered this semester. These classes are free to the public and it is a 12 hour course. At this time, ECU only offers the classes for women.

Educational Programs ECU Police Department Provides:

1. Safety Awareness
2. Active shooter Awareness
3. Preventing Workplace Violence
4. Alcohol & Drug Awareness
5. Sexual Assault Awareness
6. Domestic Violence Awareness
7. Identity Theft Awareness

Escorts

The ECU Police Department provides safety escorts to students that are concerned for their safety to their residence. The transit offers safe rides for the students as well; after most buses have stopped running.

Student Patrol Service

ECU Student Patrol Officers work East and West campus. They are un-armed and they carry a radio and flash light. They are the ECU police officers eyes and ears. They provide escorts for student, staff and faculty who are in need of an escort to their vehicles.

Victim Advocate

Ms. Sue Mulhan is ECU Police Department victim's advocate. She assists anyone who has been the victim or a witness of a crime on campus, such as domestic violence, rape, sexual assault, tec.

At this time Officer Richardson asked the citizens and PCRC if they had any questions.

Public Expression and Questions

The citizens asked several questions and made several comments.

Chairperson Shawan Suttton thanked the committee members and citizens for coming out to the PCRC meeting.

Chairperson Shawan Sutton asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Mr. Marcus Jones
Second: Ms. Belinda Perkinson

The next meeting is on March 13, 2013.

ADJOURN – 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Horne
Administration Bureau Secretary
Greenville Police Department
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