

The Police Advisory Committee's year-end report, December 2023

To: The Village of Croton on Hudson's Mayor and Board of Trustees.

The Police advisory committee met January – June, and September – December 2023.

January – June:

January – February:

- The Committee prepared for the March 2023 community survey, rewriting the previous surveys to better address the concerns of the community.
- Discussed and ultimately asked the Village Board of Trustees to support additional officers in their budget discussions.

March – June:

- Review survey results and analysis. Prepare to discuss at the May Townhall.
- The PAC made several attempts to reach out to the Hispanic community with no response to the outreach.
- Add student member Bryce Laemmel
- Add business community member Frankie Leon

May: The Townhall was canceled due to technical issues with the broadcast system.

June –December:

June – September: No formal meetings.

- In depth analysis of the survey
- Discussion of a Police department kickball tournament. Ultimately not implemented due to potential for Police injuries, making them unable to perform their duties.

September – October:

- Prepare for the Townhall, adjusting information from the canceled May Townhall. Add information from the in-depth analysis of the survey done during June – September 2023.

October 17, 2023, Townhall

- Discussion of survey results
- Chief Nikitopoulos presented a report.
- Police Department and Police Advisory committee discussion of topics of interest to the public, as expressed on the survey.
 - A) School safety
 - B) Traffic
 - C) Police response to mental health crisis.
 - D) Police implicit bias training
 - E) Police de-escalation training
 - F) Community policing
- Questions from the public addressed.

November:

- Discussion of the need for formal rules and regulations for the committee to cover civilian complaints and committee member public discussion of issues in the news or rumors in Croton.
- Discussion of the Police Department making short education videos for the public.

November – December

- Police Department begins work on educational videos for the public.
- Continued discussion of topics of interest for educational videos.
- Discussion of 2024 Police Advisory committee goals.

Committee members

- Members who left the committee: Ian Murtaugh November 2023, Earl DePass, December 2023, Joe Gonzalez 2023.
- Ann Gallelli, Trustee Liaison left the Board of Trustees, November 2023
- Remaining committee members: Carolyn Whiting (chair), Teri Lukin, Frankie Leon, Bryce Laemmel.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Whiting

Chair Croton Police Advisory Committee