

Chief's Advisory Committee

February 27, at 2:30 p.m.

Administrative Conference Room

Meeting Participants: Chief Buttice, Captain Bayne, Captain Knudson, Earl Gooding Jr., Noah Leavitt, Dick Morgan, Steve Moss, Ruben Hernandez, Terry McConn

Absent: Kanesha Johnson, Mark Higgins

Chief's Welcome

We welcome the newest members of the Chief's Advisory Committee Ruben Hernandez and Terry McConn. A brief introduction was conducted including background was presented on both.

Five Year Strategic Plan

We presented the five-year WWPD strategic plan that was completed including the following main topic areas:

- Succession Planning for WWPD & WESCOM
- Successful Recruitment and Retention
- Building Community Relationships and Partnerships
- Drug Overdose Reduction Strategy

The plan will give us a compass and direction to focus on for the next 5 years.

Body Worn Camera update—how it's going

BWC's are working well, and we continue to learn as we go with them.

Additional Topics or feedback

Noah advised that United States Attorney Vanessa Waldref would be speaking at Whitman College on 3/27 at 7pm.

Discussion about what are the treatment center needs and where they are located. We discussed the need to have facilities located nearby so that when a person is ready, we have a local option. Tough to get bed space out of town. Looking for solutions on how we get the resources needed.

We shared our thoughts about adding a "did you know" section to the WWPD Facebook page about topics people routinely ask about. Examples, towing abandoned vehicles, pan handling, motorhomes, etc.

The Committee was asked:

What's important now and What would you like to see more of from WWPD?

Feedback included a desire to see a police blotter or information site that shares info on how many Narcan Saves we are seeing from drug overdose.

Wrap Up

Next Meeting

The next Chief's Advisory Meeting will be scheduled for some time in May.

The February 27, 2024, meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.