

Community Policing Advisory Board

2023-2025 Annual Report

August 2025

Community Policing Advisory Board (CPAB) Responsibilities

- The board makes recommendations to the Rockville City Police Department and to the Mayor and Council on crime and safety initiatives, officer training and professional development, enhancing community interaction, improving the two-way communication between the community and police department, and working collaboratively with existing local partnerships through community events to enable continued police outreach.
- The board discusses issues as they arise. The police department will engage with the board to hear and discuss concerns and ideas, in the interest of finding improvements and solutions
- The board provides input and support for department initiatives, including but not limited to: National Night Out, the annual community police open house, the police ride-along program, and fair and impartial police command and community trainings.

The Community Policing Advisory Board (CPAB) holds public meetings on the 1st Thursday of each month, except July, August and December.

The Current Members:

Steven Bennett
Lawrence Center
Dennis Dantro, Alternate
Kyle Ferraioli
Rebecca Kahlenberg
Scott Moore
Petra Pacher, Youth Representative
Robin Prather
Eric Schneider, Chairperson
Todd Simmons
Michael Zuckman

Activities September 2023 - June 2024

- Members attended the Fair and Impartial Police Training
- Chairperson presented Annual Report to the Council
- Committee received information on increased calls for police service due to MCPD reduction of staff within the city limits; and supported the Chief request for an additional officer in upcoming FY25 budget.
- Renamed the Mental Health and Office Wellness subcommittee to the Behavioral Health Response and Officer Wellness subcommittee
- Approved the 2023-2024 subcommittee:

*Behavior Health Response & Officer Wellness
Data Request Monitoring & Evaluation
Outreach & Community Engagement*

Activities September 2023 - June 2024 continued

- Members completed Ride Along
- Members agreed to hold more meetings in Rockville Community Buildings to gain more residents participation
- Members are actively seeking youth to fill the Youth Board Member position
- Members participated in Hometown Holidays

Activities September 2024 - June 2025

- Met with the CPAB official City of Rockville Mayor and Council liason, Marissa Valeri
- Members set up a CPAB information table at the Rockville Open House to educate and interact with residents
- Members attended various National Night Out events
- Chairperson met with Twinbrook Community Association and suggested a Walk & Talk Event wit RCPD
- Met with City Manager for an overview of the recruitment process for the next police chief after Chief Brito's retirement announcement
- Sent a request to the Mayor & Council requesting funding for another mental health specialist

Activities September 2024 - June 2025 continued

- Met with interim Police Chief Jason West about CPAB's Mission and the recent changes and the ongoing work with the City Attorney's office to update General Orders, Policies and Procedures
- Met with Corporal Zeighani again to learn more about the K-9 Program
- Found a viable Youth Board Member
- Met with Corporal Ronnie Crowe to discuss the activities of the Community Engagement Unit
- Attended Coffee with a Cop
- Attended International Night Out at Montgomery College
- Participated in the panel interview with the four finalist for Police Chief
- Attended Neighborhood Safety Day

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Planned Activities September 2025 - June 2026

RCPAB intends to engage more actively with the community and the police department in the upcoming year. To achieve this, we have a number of new ideas we intend to implement as well as continuing past activities that proved effective.

In the upcoming year, we intend to organize meetings around particular themes in order to educate members about relevant policing issues and procedures. We will provide advanced notice to the Chief's office of the desired topics so that appropriate personnel can be selected to speak and respond to these issues.

Planned Activities September 2025 - June 2026

Some of the topics the Board would like to explore in the upcoming year are:

- Hiring and promotion processes
- DUI enforcement and arrest procedure
- Active shooter response planning
- Crime scene investigation processes
- Internal investigation processes
- Soliciting community feedback regarding interaction with RCPD

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We will continue attending Rockville community activities such as:

- National Night Out
- Hometown Holidays
- Coffee with a Cop

Board members will be asked to participate in a ride along and provide a summary of their experience at monthly meetings.