

Community Policing Advisory Board

2023-2026 Annual Report

May 2026

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.

Current Members (2025-2026):

- Lawrence Center
- Dennis Dantro
- Kyle Ferraioli
- Rebecca Kahlenberg
- Scott Moore
- Petra Pacher
- Robin Prather
- Eric Schneider, Chairperson
- Todd Simmons
- Michelle Ware-Allen
- Michael Zuckman

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Overview

The CPAB increased collaboration with the Rockville City Police Department and focused on strengthening community engagement efforts.

Key initiatives included:

- Supporting the development of the Public Education Program (PEP), scheduled to launch in June 2026
- Meeting with RCPD leadership and community engagement personnel
- Encouraging community participation and transparency in policing
- Expanding opportunities for resident education through ride-alongs and department presentations

Activities September 2025 – April 2026

Board accomplishments and discussions included:

- Review and revision of CPAB Rules and Procedures
- Proposed updates to quorum, alternate member participation, and tie-vote procedures
- Discussion of hybrid meeting participation in compliance with the Maryland Open Meetings Act
- Coordination with the City Attorney's Office regarding procedural revisions
- Discussion of community policing priorities and transparency initiatives
- Exploration of future youth participation opportunities in police engagement programs

Activities September 2025 – April 2026 (cont.)

Additional CPAB and RCPD initiatives included:

- Discussion of RCPD staffing growth and expansion of specialized units
- Introduction of Deputy Chief Barry Dufek and Community Engagement Sergeant Jon Lee
- Review of crime reduction efforts and community policing strategies
- Continued participation in Rockville community events including Coffee with a Cop and Hometown Holidays
- Ongoing discussion of ride-along opportunities and public engagement activities

Future Activities

- Attending one community event per month
- Promoting community policing activities through social media
- Discussing and giving feedback of Rockville Police Department proposals
- Developing a strategy for board recruitment
- Rules revisions (and approval by City Attorney)
- Evaluating the inaugural summer civilian “training” program
- Planning for the second session.