

**POLICE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2023 - 5:00 P.M.  
FIRST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Paul Cannon  
Erik Feldmanis  
Todd L'Herrou  
Thomas Markert  
Karen McCarthy  
Willie Potts  
John Strasser  
Ann Stacey-Wright  
Page Wiggins

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Dylan Carkhuff  
Luis Miguel Torres

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Russ Mager, Chief of Police  
Lawonda Warren, Police Legal Advisor  
Beatrice Screciu, Executive Admin Asst.

**STAFF ABSENT:**

**GUEST OTHERS:**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 5:08 p.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**3. APPROVAL AND/OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

A motion was made by Mr. Todd L'Herrou to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Page Wiggins. Said motion passed unanimously.

**4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF JANUARY 9, 2023:**

A motion was made to approve the minutes from January 9, 2023, with revisions by Mr. John Strasser, which was seconded by Mr. Todd L'Herrou. Said motion passed unanimously.

## 5. CHIEF OF POLICE UPDATE

### A. Chief Russ Mager – Crime Statistics

Chief Mager provided the board with an update on Part One Crimes. It was noted that there were no homicides in March of 2022 and March of 2023 and sex crimes remained the same for this period (6).

- There were no robberies reported in March of 2022 and there were four robbery incidents in March 2023
- Aggravated assaults/battery incidents increased by 52.63% from March 2022 (19) versus March 2023 (29)
- Persons Crime increased by 56% from March 2022 (25) versus March of 2023 (39)
- Burglary incidents decreased by 33.33% from March 2022 (15) versus March 2023 (10)
- Larceny incidents increased by 28.38% from March 2022 (148) versus March 2023 (190)
- Motor vehicle thefts decreased by 45.45% from March 2022 (22) versus March 2023 (12)
- Property crime increased by 19.52% from March 2022 (185) versus March 2023 (212)

With regards to persons crime increase, nine cases remain active, 19 were cleared by arrest, 21 were domestic related and 16 incidents are gun related. The property crimes increase is due to auto burglaries, retail thefts and thefts of auto parts, which is occurring nationwide. Community members are encouraged to assist our department in apprehending those who commit these crimes by providing video surveillance if available. The Delray Beach Police Department has officers that are CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) certified to work alongside residents and business owners to reduce the opportunity for crime to occur and reduce victimization. Residents are encouraged to install cameras and share video surveillance with the police department.

### B. Overdose statistics

There was a total of 19 overdoses and one death for the month of March of 2023. In 2023, there were 53 overdose incidents and 14 overdose deaths.

### C. Internal Affairs Update

Chief Mager provided members of the board with a brief explanation of the complaint process for the Delray Beach Police Department and an overview of the Internal Affairs Monthly report for March 2023.

Current and previous year comparison of Supervisory Review and Internal Affairs cases initiated:

- Cases opened January 1, 2023 – March 31, 2023 = 13  
13 internally and 0 externally initiated
- Cases opened January 1, 2022 – March 31, 2022 = 5  
5 internally and 0 externally initiated

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Strategic Memorandum/Additional Meeting**

Chief Mager notified members of the board that Mr. Terrence Moore has approved meetings to be held every two months.

**B. Shotspotter Technology/Real Time Crime Center/City Cameras**

The police department is looking at obtaining additional cameras to be installed in the city and additional license plate recognition technology. These topics are in the preliminary stage and Chief Mager met with the city manager to discuss these matters. Members of the board expressed interest in attending the commission meeting when it is placed on the agenda.

**7. DISCUSSION CONCERNING NEXT MEETING AGEDA:**

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 12, 2023. The board requested a drone presentation, RTCC Commission Meeting update and conceal carry legislative update to be added to the agenda for the next meeting. The moving of the meeting to Pompey Park once a year will also be discussed at the next meeting.

**8. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS/STAFF:**

Mr. Thomas Markert provided an update on active shooter training meeting that was held with Mr. Moore. He advised that a follow-up meeting will be held with members of FBI and will provide additional information at the next meeting. Mr. Cannon expressed interest in the police department to have members of the board participate in training scenarios at Seacrest Training Facility. Mr. Potts discussed having a meeting at Pompey Park. Ms. Stacey-Wright, Mr. Cannon, Mr. Strasser, Mr. Markert, Mr. Feldmanis are in support of moving the meeting to Pompey Park once a year. Chief Mager will have a discussion with City Manager Moore.

**9. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Ms. Alice Finst residing 707 Place Tavant discussed that she attends city meetings frequently and stays current on issues in her neighborhood. Ms. Finst suggested that members of the board place name cards in front of them for identification purposes.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting adjourned at 06:51 p.m.

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Beatrice Screciu, Executive Administrative Assistant/Board Liaison

The undersigned is the Secretary of the Police Advisory Board and the information provided herein are the minutes of the meeting of said Police Advisory Board of April 10, 2023, which minutes were formally approved and adopted by the Board on June 12, 2023.

ATTEST:

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CHAIR

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Beatrice Screciu, Exec. Admin. Assistant/Board Liaison

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