



FARMINGTON HILLS

POLICE

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE
JOHN PIGGOTT, CHIEF

**CITIZENS POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CPAC)
MEETING – MONDAY, MAY 4TH, 2026**

1. Citizens Police Advisory Committee Meeting: Called to order by Chief Piggott at 12:04pm.

2. Approval of Minutes: approved.

3. Parties Present:

- a. John Piggott, Chief of Police
- b. Pam O'Malley, Co-Chair & Community Organization
- c. Fred Sharp, Co-Chair & Residential
- d. Lindsay Santilli, Secretary to the Chief
- e. Brian Moore, Assistant Chief
- f. Matt Friedrich, 47th DC Court Admin and Magistrate
- g. Bob Houhanisin, Director of Public Safety
- h. TR Carr, Neighborhood Associations
- i. Rabbi Aaron Bergman, Faith-Based Community
- j. Marsha Koet, Community Organization
- k. John Firment, Residential
- l. Jerry Ellis, Residential
- m. Marc Wilkins, Neighborhood Associations
- n. Morris Cotton, Residential
- o. Bob Houhanison, Director of Public Safety
- p. Angie Smith, Schools
- q. Brian Rich, Business
- r. Dr. Lauren Bryan, Faith-Based Community
- s. Keith Ciaramitaro, Health Care
- t. Asim Khan, Faith-Based Community

4. Community Reports

- a. Brian Moore: No report.
- b. Matt Friedrich: No report.
- c. Marc Wilkins: No report.
- d. John Firment: No report.
- e. Marsha Koet: Announced that the Senior Activity Center is going to be built on front the lawn of the Costick Centers, which the seniors are very happy about. She expressed her gratitude toward City Council for approving.
- f. Dr. Bryan:
 - i. She asked about AI and the PD accessing cell information as week as using AI to generate police reports?
 - 1. Chief Piggott responded with information on Axon (current provider), that there are added software costs to access technologies and training etc. and how the department essentially becomes obligated to stay with one software system as an example because we're so invested in it – Axon keeps buying up other companies to grow their product offerings. As an

example, OCPO requires that cases be submitted for warrant requests only by submitting digitally, and we had to buy software to submit that (Digital Evidence) to be able to supply that. He noted that it used to be Motorola before Axon and they had to be merged, that we didn't have recourse with them as our contract was over and a lot of information wasn't able to be carried over.

2. He informed the group that using Axon AI can search keywords in our BWC footage when doing FOIA requests, to assist with redaction needs and speeding that process up. They can also do face recognition for redacting a specific face, as example.
 3. There is an Axon report feature available to create a report based on an interaction recorded on BWC that then must be reviewed and clarified for a finalized report. The Chief stated he doesn't like that the ability to write reports is moving in that direction and it's not being used here.
 4. In regards to facial recognition, FHPD does not have or use it and it would require a search warrant to utilize.
- ii. Chief Unruh: using it the AI report features available to them, to improve the turnaround time at hospitals – it frees up paramedics to get to the next run and not be stuck at the hospital writing reports. He stated that about 80% of the reports generated seem to be correct, but that staff confirms or corrects it/adds to it. He stated it has reduced hospital stays from 30 minutes down to 20 minutes, approximately.
1. Jerry Ellis: could it be shared between departments?
 - a. Chief Piggott stated no, the software would have to be FH centric for our evidence etc.
 2. Director Houhanisin: FPS has used other software that was shared and didn't find that they were prioritized at all as an agency, and that it's more important to have control in-house to solve the crimes in timely manner.
 - a. Chief Piggott reiterated that the agency can't afford to be waiting behind other agencies so it would not be beneficial to share software to process evidence etc.
 - b. Concerns expressed over software outweighing the staffing (costs) or cause them to push staffing out in order to pay for the technologies.
 - c. Software licensing would also prohibit or limit agencies from utilizing it outside of your contracted area.
 3. Marc Wilkins: commented on increasing costs over time. Is this information being passed onto citizens of FH so they understand the cost of doing business?
 - a. Chief Piggott stated changes have caused savings in some ways (no longer burning DVDs now but sending links, as an example) and that has helped offset some costs but so far it hasn't been anything to drastically increase the budget yet. Continually monitoring this year to year.
- iii. Rabbi Bergman: no report.
- iv. Asim Khan: no report.

- v. Jerry Ellis: CARES is having a fundraiser Thursday, May 7 at Farmington Manor, \$100 tickets each, hoping to raise \$100K. Serving 900 households/month and keeps growing.
- vi. Brian Rich: FH is expecting the opening of 19 new restaurants, including Culvers (12/OL), Dunkin Donuts, New Mandarin Garden reopened (the oldest restaurant in FH, used to be Boneyard), a Bourbon tasting and cigar bar, First Watch, Tour Le Jour, Starbucks on GR/West River Mall, Domino's, a shawarma restaurant at 13/OL, Zarzoor Prime), a Mexican restaurant at the 10/OL McDonald's, Cava, 7Brew, Buffalo Wild Wings is moving, Hunter's Square Mall under construction now, mini Meijer, Total Wine, Nordstrom Rack all in Hunters Square.
- vii. Keith Ciaramitaro: no report
- viii. Angie Smith: Having a lot of events as school is almost out for seniors, events throughout district, having showcases in school community, groundbreaking ceremony tomorrow at Farmington High in the Multi Purposes Room. It's available to anyone who needs the room. The community works with Pat Burns/PD for students being able to comply with the PD, appreciates work with superintendent Coffin, PD, FD, and CMO and keeping that relationship healthy/engaged. She stated the SROs doing a great job, Allyson Robinson sits on disciplinary committee, Angie would like to see students be held accountable by parents and asking for disciplinary hearing committee to be put back in place with PD and FD and schools.
 - 1. Chief Piggott: PD met with FAME and Dr. Burns and established a distracted driving course that was held in April at Nardin Park, might look to do it again. Might involve Court next time and try to incentivize kids to attend these classes to avoid points on licenses after getting tickets.
- ix. Morris Cotton: He asked whether the support letters that were submitted were reviewed or granted \$ for?
 - 1. Chief Piggott: Moving forward on the dispatch station but not Mobile Command Post.
 - a. Additional station will be super beneficial – would've been helpful during active shooter situation at Temple Israel. FHPD was the 911 center for WB for all runs not related to Temple Israel.
 - b. Jon Aldred and CM came over to monitor that handling of WB dispatch and how it was set up.
 - c. Chief Unruh: FD arrived at the WB incident and were placed on west side of the building where pickup truck went into Temple Israel, he made decision to go in and put out that fire, so it didn't grow and the sprinklers weren't able to contain it. A WB officer and 2 FPS officers went in with the FD and provided protection to allow firefighters to put the fire out, benefiting the building damage/historical artifacts. WBFD chose a different stance to make sure building was completely clear/safe before entering.
- x. Chief Unruh: no other report.
- xi. Director Houhanisin: Stated it is the busy season for Downtown Farmington, markets, parades, festivals.
 - 1. Mark Wilkins: asked whether FPS has been involved with e-bikes?
 - a. State law does not allow them on sidewalks, making it a misdemeanor so this is in hands of council before enforcing.

- i. South Lyon PD recently covered it, cracking down.
 - xii. Fred Sharp: stated the tremendous police response at Temple Israel was no accident, that it was a collaborative effort.
 - 1. Chief Piggott: all things are put in place so that when something like this happens the resources are available to respond.
 - a. 2 recent HOW attacks with a vehicle driving into building (Grand Blanc + WB), FD aggressively responded, and it was positively impactfully in a complicated situation with so much unknown
 - b. 9-10 FHPD officers were there immediately, plus FHFD response right behind that. The high level of response was great but almost created other complications, such as traffic flow/access for emergency vehicles in the area.
 - c. Livonia aided FH to cover our city as FHPD and FHFD helped WB.
 - d. Rabbi Bergman – they are buying bigger barriers at synagogues, asked whether that would be a hindrance to police/fire response?
 - i. Chief Unruh: no, as long as a ladder truck can get up to building.
 - ii. Most of their budget has been going to security at Adat Shalom.
 - e. Discussion on police/fire cross training sort of for such events to know how to handle initial obstacles.

5. Other New Business:

- a. Youth Summer Safety – try to anticipate mass gatherings and safety concerns, how to keep them safe over the summer – PD might put something out soon on this. How to handle it as businesses, etc.
 - i. The department would like to try to get out ahead of it this year before school gets out., get message out to parents – push out through your community sector.

6. Meeting Concluded at 1:05pm.