

**Council Liaison Meeting
Lafayette Police Department**

**September 14, 2016
11:00AM – 12:00PM
Council Briefing Room**

MINUTES

In Attendance

Councilman Kenneth Boudreaux, Councilman Jay Castille, CAO Lowell Duhon, Councilwoman Liz Hebert (phone), Interim Chief Reginald Thomas. Veronica Williams, Major Ron Czajkowski, Major Levy Firmin, Major Lurainie Richard, Captain Bert Bejsovec, Captain Vaughn Burris

1. Call to order @ 11:06 am
2. Discuss downtown security and funding issues (Chief Thomas)

Police will continue to have a "Downtown Detail" on Friday and Saturday nights. The largest crowds are on Saturday night. The department will continue to monitor nighttime activities in the downtown area and insure sufficient staffing.

3. Status of protective equipment and training for mobile field force (Chief Thomas)

Protective equipment has been delivered to the police department. The State Police will provide an 8 hour course on civil unrest and the use of the protective equipment. A departmental policy is being developed regarding the equipment usage.

4. Discuss recruiting efforts and vacancies (Chief Thomas)

Currently there are 2 vacancies as a result of retirements which the department intends to fill with P.O.S.T certified officers. On Nov. 1st the department will have an additional 6 police positions created in the 2017 budget. The recruiting section is attending job fairs at Southern University and Grambling University, as well as hosting a Civil Service exam locally. Additionally, radio advertisements have begun both in English and Spanish notifying the public of openings within the department.

5. Status of neighborhood cameras and body worn cameras (Chief Thomas)

Neighborhood cameras are still being installed at selected locations, with completion expected in late October.

60 Body Worn Cameras have been delivered to the police department. Staff is currently working on installing hardware and developing the final policy.

6. Status of 24 hour police precinct operations precinct 4&1 (Kenneth Boudreaux)

It was determined that two (2) sergeants positions would have to be created in order to staff Precinct 4 full time. The recommendation from the Chief will be reviewed.

7. Notification policy for schools, day cares, residents, businesses when escapee, high speed chase etc. (Kenneth Boudreaux)

Educational and licensed businesses within a ¼ radius from the incident are notified by the department's "Blackboard Connect"

8. Recordings of contact in field non-emergency situation. (Kenneth Boudreaux)

Anytime that an officer responds or creates an incident, it is closed with a disposition indicating the outcome. Officers will also speak with the complainant unless it is requested that they do not.

9. Adjourn @ 12:05 pm