



County of Fairfax, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 8, 2023

TO: Board of Supervisors

THROUGH: Bryan J. Hill ^{DS} *BH*
County Executive

THROUGH: Thomas Arnold ^{DS} *TA*
Deputy County Executive for Safety and Security

FROM: Kevin Davis *Kevin Davis*
Chief of Police

SUBJECT: January 18, 2023, FCPD/ FCPS Security Meeting Overview

On January 18, 2023, members of the Fairfax County Police Department (FCPD) leadership team met with leadership of the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) to discuss areas of opportunity to better collaborate on trends the FCPD has seen over this school year. FCPS Chief Operating Officer Marty Smith opened the meeting, welcoming the dialogue and collaboration between the two organizations and introduced Mr. Tom Vaccarello, the director of FCPS Safety and Security. Chief Kevin Davis called upon several commanders in attendance to provide information on their respective areas of responsibility, the services that can be provided, mechanisms for rapid and immediate information sharing, and contact information for future questions or issues.

Major Brian Ruck, Commander of the Organized Crime and Intelligence Bureau (OCIB), initiated the exchange of information, speaking in detail on what the FCPD does when they receive information related to a potential act of violence (AVI). He detailed the investigative and mitigation process, and highlighted the need for immediate notification to the FCPD when FCPS staff learns of a potential threat. Captain Patrick Brush, Commander of the Violent Crimes Division, continued the discussion with crime trends associated with youth and educational facilities. He provided an overview of the investigative process associated with these and other crimes.

Captain Alan Hanson, Commander of the Traffic Division, provided an overview of traffic safety programs available to county residents and young drivers. He discussed

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enforcement and safety initiatives the FCPD engages in, and educational opportunities the FCPS can take advantage of for the safety of their student body. Participants of the conversation identified an opportunity to bring School Resource Officers into driver's education. They could highlight the importance of youth driving and speed related issues and provide national educational material from partners such as the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). Captain Hanson concluded with trends in traffic safety and a discussion of recent traffic cases involving FCPS students.

Lieutenant Anne Rizza, Assistant Commander of the Organized Crime and Narcotics Division, spoke in detail about overdose activity and trends in the county, nationally, and with our youth who attend county schools. She highlighted the increase in the number of youth overdoses during the school year from 75 last year to 84 this year with several months left in the school calendar. Lieutenant Rizza concluded with an overview of the investigative process and legal aspects of overdose cases, with an emphasis on attaining addiction services for users and to prevent access to dangerous substances.

Lieutenant Marc Mitchell, the School Liaison Commander, spoke about School Resource Officer (SRO) responsibilities and the notification process between the FCPD and the FCPS. He highlighted the cohesive relationship he had with Mr. Vaccarello, the SROs and school principals, and the constant flow of information sharing between the two agencies. Lastly, Lieutenant Colonel Eli Cory, Deputy Chief of Police for Investigations, invited the FCPS to have a representative in the Northern Virginia Regional Intelligence Center (NVRIC) to expedite information sharing and strengthen the safety of the FCPS student, faculty, and facilities.

Chief Davis concluded with an invitation to meet again at the request of the FCPS and reaffirmed the immediate access to FCPD commanders whenever needed by FCPS staff. The meeting was collaborative, informative, and an overall success to furthering the safety and security of our county's youth.

Attendees:

Mr. Thomas Arnold, Deputy County Executive for Safety and Security

Fairfax County Police Department:

Chief Kevin Davis, Chief of Police

Deputy Chief Brian Reilly, Executive Deputy Chief of Police

Deputy Chief Robert Blakley, Deputy Chief of Patrol

Deputy Chief Eli Cory, Deputy Chief of Police for Investigations

Major Brian Ruck, Commander of the Organized Crime and Intelligence Bureau

Major Dalton Becker, Commander of Operations Support Bureau

Major Tonny Kim, Commander of Patrol Bureau II

Major Thea Pirnat, Commander of the Resource Management Bureau

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Captain Alan Hanson, Commander of the Traffic Division
Captain Patrick Bruschi, Commander of the Violent Crimes Division
Lieutenant Marc Mitchell, School Liaison Commander
Lieutenant Anne Rizza, Assistant Commander of the Organized Crime and Narcotics
Division

Fairfax County Public Schools:

Mr. Marty Smith, Chief Operating Officer
Mr. Thomas Vaccarello, Director of Safety and Security