

**MINUTES OF THE FIRST POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE VILLAGE OF BRONXVILLE HELD OCTOBER 19, 2020
AT THE BRONXVILLE LIBRARY, 201 PONDFIELD ROAD, BRONXVILLE, N.Y.**

PRESENT:	Mary Marvin	Mayor
	Robert Underhill	Deputy Mayor/PCRC Chairperson
	James Palmer	Village Administrator
	Christopher Satriale	Chief of Police
	Richard Bunyan	Police Lieutenant
	Nicholas DeYoung	Police Sergeant/Training Supervisor
	Anar Patel	Resident
	Miki Kapoor	Resident
	Peter Thorp	Resident/Senior Citizen/Bronxville Rotary Club/Gramatan Village
	Reverend Michael Bird	Rector Christ Church Bronxville/Resident
	Bishop Derek Owens	Goldensword International Fellowship Church/Bronxville Police Chaplain
	Rev Matthew Waterstone	Reformed Church Bronxville
	Fr Peter McGeory	Saint Joseph’s Church Bronxville
	Rev Robert Hartwell	Village Lutheran Church Bronxville/resident
	Rabbi Sruli Deitsch	Chabad Jewish Center Bronxville
	Dr. Roy Montesano	Superintendent Bronxville Public School
	Kelly Weild	Student Bronxville High School
	Thomas Heraty	Student Bronxville High School
	Shannon Gangemi	Executive Director Bronxville Chamber of Commerce
	ADA John Thomas	Assistant District Attorney Westchester County/Deputy Bureau Chief Mount Vernon Branch
	Dr. Amit Shembekar	Assoc. Medical Director NYP Lawrence Hospital
	Tamika Coverdale	Esquire/Region Chief Legal Aid Society of Westchester
ABSENT:	George McKinnis	Retired Bronxville Justice/Founder - Restorative Justice Bronxville
	Steven Palm	Merchant/Resident
	Matthew Murphy	Resident
	Dr. John Nunes	President Concordia College/Resident

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The Police Community Relations Committee (PCRC) convened a meeting at 5:00pm.

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I. OPENING REMARKS – DEPUTY MAYOR UNDERHILL

In accordance with Governor Cuomo’s Executive Order 203 dated June 2020, the Village is pleased to announce that it has established its Police Community Relations Committee (PCRC). The Committee of stakeholders will engage in a fact-based and honest dialogue about the public safety needs of our community, meet to review the Bronxville Police Department (BPD) policies and discuss the relationship between the BPD and the community it serves.

Chair of the committee, Deputy Mayor Underhill introduced himself and the committee members that make up the PCRC. The committee members are comprised of educators, residents, religious leaders, law enforcement, merchants, healthcare and court system. He also explained what his role will be with regard to the PCRC. The goal of the committee is to foster a greater trust of the police department and the community that it serves.

II. POLICE DEPARTMENT BACKGROUND – CHIEF SATRIALE

Deputy Mayor Underhill introduced Chief Christopher Satriale. Chief Satriale has been with the Village of Bronxville for over 33 years, 13 of those as police chief. He

welcomes any review of his department, their policies and of their training. Chief Satriale went through staffing, history, budget and facts with regard to his department. He runs a very lean department with 21 officers. He will be adding two additional officers in January 2021. Chief Satriale continued with departmental statistics regarding calls, traffic stops and arrests. Chief Satriale introduced Lt. Bunyan

III. CURRENT POLICY VS. LEXIPOL – LT. BUNYAN

Lt. Richard Bunyan has been a member of law enforcement for 38 years, 36 of those with the Bronxville Police Department. While a member of the Bronxville Police Department, Lt. Bunyan continued his education and earned his law degree.

In 2014, together with Chief Satriale, they reviewed the rules and regulations of the police department. Those rules and regulations need to be reviewed on a regular basis. In 2015, some of those policies were updated and shared with local associations for input and then shared with the Board of Trustees for adoption. About two years ago, the police department was approached by a vendor called Lexipol. Lexipol provides a unified solution - content, policies and training—for law enforcement agencies, all accessible 24/7 through in-vehicle computers or smartphones.

As Lieutenant and second in command, Lt. Bunyan is also the Internal Affairs officer. Any complaints of office misconduct are directed to him. All complaints are investigated together with the Police Chief and remain anonymous.

IV. PRESENTATION ON TRAINING AND USE OF FORCE POLICY – SGT. DEYOUNG

Deputy Mayor Underhill introduced Sgt. DeYoung. Sergeant Nicholas DeYoung is the training supervisor and instructor of every training program for the Bronxville Police Department. He explained the background of the training programs provided to each officer including the use of force policy within the department.

Sgt. DeYoung went on to explain the training each officer receives on an annual basis including hand gun and in-service training provided through the Westchester County Department of Public Safety.

V. NYS POLICE REFORM AND REINVENTION COLLABORATIVE – CHIEF SATRIALE

Deputy Mayor Underhill re-introduced Chief Satriale and asked him to take the committee through the Q&A raised in the Governor’s guidance document. Chief Satriale then took the committee through a series of questions and answers that are most closely related to Bronxville. He further explained that some questions were just not applicable to the Village.

Chief Satriale reminded the committee that Bronxville was the first in Westchester County to institute the Restorative Justice Program under now retired Judge Georg McKinnis.

VI. DISCUSSION AND WRAP-UP

Deputy Mayor Underhill asked if there were any questions and there were none. He then took the committee through the meeting schedule.

The public meetings are scheduled for November 10 and November 17, time and location to be determined.

Comments should be sent to Deputy Mayor Underhill. He also stated that the meeting would be posted on the Village website and on our cable channel.

The meeting was closed at 7:10pm.