



February 2021 COB Executive Director's Monthly Report

Executive Summary

Teleconference Meetings: The COB will continue to have virtual Board meetings in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order extension that allows for electronic meetings until February 27, 2021. The MNCO has established a dedicated phone line for Community members to leave a public comment for Board meetings. The telephone number is 629-255-1906 and the voice mail prompts will walk them through the process.

MNCO Office: The MNCO office will remain closed to the public, and staff will continue to telecommute and monitor safety precautions when visiting the office. The complaint process has continued without interruption.

MNCO Personnel Update: AD Clausi will start the process to move forward on filling the open investigator position.

MNCO Training: MNCO staff continue to participate in various webinar training related to Criminal Justice, Racial & Equal Justice, Diversity & Inclusion, and Police Reform. Staff members will attend a webinar in February hosted by NACOLE entitled, "Civilian Oversight of Police Surveillance Technology and another hosted by the Council on Criminal Justice, "Stopping Violence and Saving Lives Using Community Based Strategies."

Complaints/Contacts: MNCO continues to receive calls from the public to initiate complaints of alleged misconduct by MNPD officers as well as calls for other non-related misconduct calls. The MNCO received three investigative complaints and assisted with seven non-complaint calls since the last Board meeting in January. Director Fitchard has initiated two investigations into the Use of Force by MNPD.

Community Outreach: We continue to work on educational outreach endeavors to make the public aware of the services of the MNCO, specifically around how to file complaints, the process, and the difference between administrative and criminal investigations. Ms. Thompson continues to keep our social media platforms up-to-date and stay abreast of community events that we can partner with to share our services. She is currently working on redesigning our outreach materials.

ED Fitchard is a guest panelist for District 21's community meeting on February 22nd and will be a panelist for the State of Black Nashville Public Safety Town Hall meeting on February 27th. The meetings are virtual and open to the public.

MNCO Research: The MNCO Research Analysts continue working on the research advisory report initiated by the NAACP. The report will focus on the hiring and recruitment procedures of the Metro Nashville Police Department. Lead Research Analyst, Dr. Vielehr, attended two meetings of the Council's Special Committee on Jail Data and both attended a webinar hosted by NACOLE: Analyzing and Reporting Use of Force Statistics.

MNPD Body Worn Cameras: ED Fitchard received the following update from MNPD regarding Body Worn Cameras (BWC) and In Car Cameras (ICC):

BWC/ICC Deployment for North and Madison scheduled for 03/15/2021. The following precincts and teams are outfitted currently:

- West Precinct
- East Precinct
- County Wide Traffic
- TITANS (3 of 6 teams)
- Special Response Team
- Office of Community Engagement & Partnerships

To date—440 active employees are equipped with BWC's and 236 MNPD vehicles are equipped with ICC's.

Department wide patrol supervisor familiarization training complete and 163 Community Service Bureau Lieutenants and Sergeants are trained.

Officer Involved Shooting: Wednesday, January 27—ED Fitchard received a DEC notification and a call from CID Commander that a man was shot by an MNPD Officer while sitting in his vehicle. Investigator Clausi and Johnson responded to the scene located at 2200 Brick Church Pike. They were briefed by MNPD upon arrival to the scene and by the TBI. The case is being investigated by the TBI. ED Fitchard has initiated an investigation of this shooting.

Wednesday, February 10—ED Fitchard received notification from DEC requesting that MNCOB respond to the scene related to a citizen being shot while running away from MNPD officers. The MNCO Investigators responded to the scene. ED Fitchard opened an investigation into this shooting and the case is also being investigated by MNPD.

Use of Force Advisory Report Response: Friday, February 5— ED Fitchard received a letter from Nashville Chief of Police regarding the Use of Force Consent Decree Advisory Report. The response outlined the many COB and Policing Policy Commission's recommendations regarding Use of Force and changes that MNPD would either accept and implement or adopt in part with an explanation of reasons for each recommendation.

After Action Review Board Meeting: ED Fitchard continues to meet with the After-Action Review Committee regarding the Christmas Day Bombing. The meetings will continue for approximately three to four weeks.

Force Review Board Meeting: Thursday, February 4—ED Fitchard attended MNPD's Force Review Board and participated in two hearings.

COB Board Members: The City Council elected four new Community Oversight Board members. The new Board members will each serve a three-year term. Legal Advisor Atty. Robert Pinckley sent out a new Board member orientation packet to prepare them to serve. ED Fitchheard will speak to each new member in the coming weeks about training opportunities.

Welcome to the Community Oversight Board:

Judge Joe Brown

Arnold Hayes

Dr. Stephanie Kang

Makayla McCree

This concludes the February 2021 ED Report—JF