

Sussex County Southeast Regional Accountability Committee
Quarterly Meeting May 14, 2026, 1 PM
Bethany Fenwick Area Chamber of Commerce, 33370 Main St, Dagsboro, DE 19944

Voting Members Present: Chairperson Gayle Marie Brown Driver, Esq., Ms. Lauren Weaver, Mr. Marlin Van Horn, Mr. Denny Pridgeon, Ms. Holly Stiles, Mr. Tom Glenn, Ms. Diana Barrientos-Granados, and Mr. Charles Shelton.

Non-Voting Members Present: Chief Kenneth McLaughlin, Chief Constance Speake, Chief Jason Lovins, Chief Michael Morrissey, Chief Brian Wilson, Chief Kevin M. Smith, and Sgt. Anthony Valenti representing Dagsboro.

Members Absent: Rev. Dr. Rebecca Collison, Ms. Claudia Rodgers, Mr. Ed Klima, Mr. Gregory Flynn, Mr. Scott Mumford, Mr. Philip Hartmeyer

1. GENERAL INTRODUCTION/CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

No objections to Agenda

3. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from February 12, 2026, meeting were approved.

4. M.O.U. MUNICIPAL COLLISION RECONSTRUCTION UNIT (S.M.C.R.U.)

Sgt. Anthony Valenti provided an update on the finalization of the M.O.U. for the Municipal Collision Reconstruction Unit.

5. DISCUSSION ON H.B. 182

Chairperson Gayle Marie Brown Driver, Esq. briefly reviewed H.B. 182. However, she explained that we would not be engaging in discussions of this nature. She also clarified, for the benefit of new members, the PAC's mandate and its limitations.

6. OPEN DISCUSSION FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Ms. Diana Barrientos-Granados recently participated in the Dewey Beach PD seasonal police academy. She spent time learning about CPR, body cameras and performed as a role player.

Ms. Lauren Weaver mentioned the Chamber partners with Ocean View PD each year to host CPR training. We can explore combining it with Narcan training for PAC members.

7. OPEN DISCUSSION FROM POLICE CHIEFS

Chief Brian Wilson advised Selbyville PD is currently in a testing process to fill officer vacancies for the fall academy. His department has been focusing on Highway Safety initiatives targeting speeding and distracted driving to help reduce accidents and address the increase in speeding complaints that typically accompany heavier summer traffic.

Ms. Lauren Weaver spoke about increasing bicycle safety initiatives and how to go about doing so. The area has experienced an influx of new residents, along with J-1 students who may be unfamiliar with local traffic laws and bicycle safety regulations, creating increased safety

concerns for both cyclists and motorists. A roundtable discussion focused on strategies to improve bicycle safety education and increase public awareness.

Mr. Marlin Van Horn inquired about self-driving cars and the legality of a driver being passed out or under the influence. He asked if this is something we've had to deal with here. Self driving cars are not currently legal in Delaware.

Chief Michael Morrissey informed the committee of a recent trial board involving an officer who was discharged in November. The Criminal Justice Council will be releasing the results, making it public that a Fenwick Island PD office was discharged for dishonesty.

Chief Constance Speake clarified that Dewey Beach PD was not sued for FOIA Violations. Chief Speake also mentioned the Lt. put together a five-year study on all accidents in Dewey Beach to determine the number of pedestrians struck in a crosswalk. Dewey Beach Seasonals graduate from their academy tomorrow. Community Appreciation Day is September 12th.

Chief Jason Lovins expressed his concerns over the length of time it takes to process a defendant. A round-table discussion ensued regarding the current judge shortage, warrant process and extensive length of time to process an arrest.

Chief Kenneth McLaughlin mentioned Ocean View PD will conduct CPR and AED training for all 5th grade students at Lord Baltimore Elementary School this year.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Thursday, August 13, 2026, 1 PM, at the Selbyville Public Library, 11 W McCabe St, Selbyville, DE.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Justine Cuccia, Maureen Madden and Ryan Stuckey are candidates in the 2026 Delaware election. They came to introduce themselves and gain a deeper understanding of the specific challenges and needs facing law enforcement.

Ms. Kendahl Hearn announced her retirement from the PAC. Our new PAC Administrative Assistant is Ms. Adrienne Nickerson of the Ocean View Police Dept.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Lauren Weaver made a motion to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded by Mr. Van Horn, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Adrienne Nickerson, SCSRPAC Administrative Assistant

[Link to Meeting Video](#)