

Sussex County Southeast Regional Police Accountability Committee

Quarterly Meeting August 13, 2026, 1 PM

Selbyville Public Library, 11 W. McCabe St, Selbyville, DE 19975

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

Non-Voting Members Present: Chief Kenneth McLaughlin, Chief Constance Speake, Chief Michael Morrissey, Chief Brian Wilson, Chief Kevin M. Smith, Lt. Shaun Baldasano representing South Bethany and Cpl. Catherine Craft representing Dagsboro.

Members Absent: Rev. Dr. Rebecca Collison, Mr. Ed Klima, Mr. Scott Mumford, Chief Jason Lovins and Chief Nicholas Disciullo.

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

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

No objections to Agenda

3. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from May 14, 2026, meeting were approved.

4. PRESENTATION BY HOST AGENCY

Chief Brian Wilson led a round table discussion on community engagements to learn what other departments are doing and gather feedback on what works and what doesn't. Departments shared what events they hold throughout the year to engage with their communities.

5. OPEN DISCUSSION FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Ms. Lauren Weaver mentioned that the Bethany-Fenwick Chamber of Commerce does bike safety and initiatives for the J1 students.

Mr. William Hoyle was introduced as a new member representing Selbyville. Mr. Hoyle retired from the Town of Selbyville after 22 years and is also a retired firefighter.

6. OPEN DISCUSSION FROM POLICE CHIEFS

Lt. Dempsey spoke about the takeovers in Rehoboth Beach and Paradise Grill both of which spread into Dewey Beach. A round-table discussion ensued regarding takeovers, resources, crowd control and the lack of accountability in regard to those participating in the takeovers.

Chief Michael Morrissey spoke about his discussions with DelDOT regarding highway safety and implementing a Red Flag Program to assist pedestrians in safely crossing their roadways. Fenwick Island has not yet received approval by DelDOT.

Chief Kenneth McLaughlin distributed and discussed "[Public Statement on Police Accountability, Transparency, and Public Trust](#)" from Richard McCabe, President of the Delaware association of Chiefs of Police.

Ms. Claudia Rodgers presented the idea of writing letters to DelDOT supporting Fenwick Island's Red Flag Program.

7. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Thursday, November 12, 2026, 1PM, at the Dewey Beach Police Department, 1505 Coastal Highway, Dewey Beach, DE.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ryan Stuckey of Dagsboro asked Chief Morrissey the reasoning behind DelDOT's objection to their program. Chief Morrissey advised they required a written proposal.

Justine Cuccia of Bethany Beach asked Lt. Dempsey about the identity of the individuals involved in the takeovers. Lt. Dempsey advised the leaders were arrested; however, charges were dismissed. She also feels the departments need more help and asked how we go about that. Departments are given mandates but no support from the legislature.

Carlie Carey of Frankford thanked the departments for their public outreach events. She believes these events along with SROs in schools foster early relationships with children.

Maureen Madden of Dagsboro spoke about the DelDOT meeting held yesterday, August 12, 2026, in Millville and the length of time it takes to get a study completed. She also spoke about her concerns for J1 students who seem to wear mostly black uniforms at night. Chief McLaughlin advised we have given out hundreds of backpacks and bike lights.

9. 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 2:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Adrienne Nickerson, SCSRPAC Administrative Assistant

[Link to Meeting Video](#)