

# Sussex County Southeast Regional Police Accountability Committee

Annual Report May 2025—April 2026



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The Sussex County Southeast Regional Police Accountability Committee (PAC) was established in April 2024 under Delaware legislation (House Bill 206) requiring the formation of Police Accountability Committees by all agencies within the state.

The mission of the PAC is to serve as an advisory board that facilitates constructive dialogue between the community and their police departments. The PAC aims to enhance public safety, promote transparency, and strengthen community trust in law enforcement by providing recommendations on police practices and policies.

The PAC originally consisted of Dewey Beach, Fenwick Island, Ocean View, and South Bethany. Dagsboro was admitted into the PAC in November 2024, Selbyville in February 2025, and Frankford in November 2025.

***Sussex County Southeast Regional Police Accountability Committee Website:***

<https://scsrpac.com>



## Voting Members

**Gayle Marie Brown Driver, Esq.**, Chairperson, Ocean View, joined 4/24/24

Attorney, retired, criminal and civil prosecution

**Lauren Weaver**, Ocean View, joined 4/24/24

Executive Director Bethany-Fenwick Area Chamber of Commerce (BFACC)

**Claudia Rodgers, Esq.**, Dewey Beach, joined 4/24/24

Attorney, Senior Counsel-US Small Business Administration, small business owner

**Ed Klima**, Dewey Beach, joined 4/24/24

Emergency Preparedness Consultant and Business Owner

**Greg Flynn**, South Bethany, joined 4/24/24

Technology Consultant

**Dennett (Denny) Pridgeon**, Fenwick Island, joined 4/24/24

Retired, Delaware State Fire Marshal's Office (Non-sworn). Long-time volunteer firefighter

**Scott Mumford**, Fenwick Island, joined 4/24/24

Business Owner

**Holly Stiles**, Dagsboro, joined 11/14/24

Administrative Assistant

**Tom Glenn**, Dagsboro, joined 11/14/24

Retired manager/supervisor for G&E/Hocker's Markets, Lifetime member, past Chief, and active member of Dagsboro Fire Department

**Diana Barrientos-Granados**, Selbyville, joined 2/13/25

Business Owner

**Marlin Van Horn Jr**, South Bethany, joined 11/13/25

Retired after 42 years in the technology business

**Rev. Dr. Rebecca Collison**, Ocean View, joined 11/13/25

Senior Pastor, Mariners Bethel Global Methodist Church

**Philip Hartmeyer**, Frankford, joined 2/12/26

Assistant Director of the Frankford Public Library

**Charles Shelton**, Frankford, joined 2/12/26

Community Resident, Prior Military

## **PAC Non-Voting Members**

### **Chief Kenneth McLaughlin**

Ocean View Police Department

### **Chief Constance Speake**

Dewey Beach Police Department

### **Chief Jason Lovins**

South Bethany Police Department

### **Chief Michael J. Morrissey**

Fenwick Island Police Department

### **Chief Nicholas Disciullo**

Dagsboro Police Department

### **Chief Brian Wilson**

Selbyville Police Department

### **Chief Kevin M. Smith**

Frankford Police Department

## **Staff**

**Kendahl Hearn**, Part Time Administrative Assistant, SCSR PAC and Ocean View PD Accreditation

## **Voting Members leaving this period-**

**Ethan Magee**, Ocean View, resigned 8/4/25

**Ian McCauley, Esq.**, South Bethany, resigned 8/11/25

**Scott Smith**, Selbyville, resigned 1/29/26

Ocean View and South Bethany have replaced the PAC members who resigned. Selbyville currently has only one PAC member.

**SUSSEX COUNTY SOUTHEAST REGIONAL  
POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE (PAC)  
BYLAWS**

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**Article I. Authorization**

The Sussex County Southeast Regional Police Accountability Committee (hereinafter referred to as the "PAC") is established under Delaware legislation requiring the formation of Police Accountability Committees by all police agencies within the state.

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**Article II. Mission Statement**

The mission of the PAC is to serve as an advisory body that facilitates constructive dialogue between the community and the police departments of Ocean View, Dewey Beach, South Bethany, and Fenwick Island. The PAC aims to enhance public safety, promote transparency, and strengthen community trust in law enforcement by providing recommendations on police practices and policies.

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**Article III. Powers and Duties**

**Section 1.** The PAC serves as an advisory body only, without any decision-making authority. The PAC is responsible for bringing community issues and concerns to the attention of the police departments and presenting potential solutions to enhance public safety and trust.

**Section 2.** The PAC shall not involve itself in specific personnel matters, disciplinary actions, or police misconduct investigations. Its role is strictly to provide recommendations on general policing practices and community engagement strategies.

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**Article IV. Composition**

**Section 1.** The PAC shall consist of two community representatives from each of the four jurisdictions: Ocean View, Dewey Beach, South Bethany, and Fenwick Island. An additional member from any of the four communities may be selected by the PAC members to serve as the chairperson.

**Section 2.** Police Chiefs from the involved jurisdictions, or their designees, shall serve as non-voting members of the PAC.

**Section 3.** Members shall serve a term of three years, with the possibility of reappointment.

**Section 4.** The PAC may establish committees as needed to assist in fulfilling its duties.

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## **Article V. Chairperson**

**Section 1.** The Chairperson shall lead the PAC, preside at all meetings, set meeting agendas, and act as the primary liaison between the PAC and the police departments.

**Section 2.** In the absence of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson shall assume the duties of the Chairperson.

**Section 3.** The Chairperson may vote on any motion pending before the PAC.

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## **Article VI. Meetings**

**Section 1.** The PAC shall meet quarterly, with additional meetings scheduled as necessary.

**Section 2.** Meetings shall be open to the public, with time allocated for public comment. The PAC is subject to the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act, Chapter 100 Title 29 (FOIA), as per HB 206.

**Section 3.** Minutes from each meeting shall be recorded and made available to the public within a reasonable timeframe. The PAC must provide the Police Officers Standards and Training (POST) Commission with copies of all agendas, minutes, and other PAC documentation.

**Section 4.** The Order of Business for meetings shall be as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
5. Old Business
6. New Business
7. Reports of Committees
8. Report of Staff
9. Public Comments
10. Adjournment

**Section 5.** A quorum, consisting of a majority of voting members, is required to conduct business at any meeting.

**Section 6.** The PAC may establish time limits for presentations during meetings. The Chairperson will advise presenters of any time limits at the outset of the meeting.

**Section 7.** All meetings and proceedings of the PAC, with the exception of executive sessions, shall be open to the public.

**Section 8.** The rules contained in Robert’s Rules of Order, latest revised edition, shall govern the parliamentary procedure of the PAC meetings.

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## **Article VII. Staff Support**

**Section 1.** The Ocean View Police Department shall provide staff to support the PAC as needed. The position will be a part-time employee who will hold the title of Administrative Assistant. Support staff may also include police department employees or interns.

**Section 2.** Responsibilities of the PAC staff shall include:

1. Recording the proceedings of meetings, including agendas and minutes.
2. Disseminating information to members of the PAC and the POST Commission.
3. Maintaining records related to the PAC.
4. Ensuring FOIA compliance.
5. Establishing and maintaining a PAC website.

**Section 3.** All PAC agencies will share the costs associated with operating the PAC, including expenses related to staff support.

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## **Article VIII. Training and Development**

**Section 1.** All non-officer members are required, within one year of appointment, to complete 20 hours of community training. This training may consist of ride-alongs, field trips, participation in a Citizens Police Academy, demonstrations, or other equivalent courses of instruction.

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## **Article IX. Annual Review and Reporting**

**Section 1.** The PAC shall prepare an annual report summarizing its activities, recommendations, and outcomes over the past year. This report shall be presented to the police departments and made available to the public.

**Section 2.** The PAC’s operational guidelines shall be reviewed annually to ensure they remain relevant and effective. Amendments to the guidelines may be proposed and adopted by a majority vote of the PAC members.

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## **Article X. Addition of New Towns/Police Departments**

**Section 1.** Any town or police department within Sussex County interested in joining the Sussex County Southeast Regional PAC must submit a formal request in writing to the PAC Chairperson. The request should outline the reasons for seeking membership and how the town or department aligns with the PAC's mission.

**Section 2.** The PAC will review the request during a regular meeting. Representatives from the requesting town or department may be invited to present their case.

**Section 3.** Membership requests must be approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the existing PAC members. Upon approval, the new town or police department will be integrated into the PAC, with two community representatives appointed as members.

**Section 4.** Newly added towns or police departments will undergo an integration process, including orientation sessions for their representatives and community engagement efforts.

DATE: 11/14/2024

**SUSSEX COUNTY SOUTHEAST REGIONAL  
POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE (PAC)  
AMEND BYLAWS**

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The following language will amend and replace the above quoted Article:

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Based on this review and consideration of these amendments to the Bylaws of the Sussex County Southeast Regional Police Accountability Committee (PAC) by the Voting members, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, that the amendments of Article II and Article IV, Section 1, which were presented to the VOTING members for consideration, is hereby adopted.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Chairperson of the PAC is authorized and directed to take any action necessary to effectuate the foregoing resolution.

DATE: 11/21/2024

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DATE: 2/13/2025

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DATE: 11/20/2025

# AMENDED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE OCEAN VIEW, DEWEY BEACH, SOUTH BETHANY, AND FENWICK ISLAND POLICE DEPARTMENTS

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) entered into by and between the Police Departments of Ocean View, Dewey Beach, South Bethany, Fenwick Island, on August 30 and September 3, 2024, and amended December 16, 2024 to add the Police Department of Dagsboro as a “Participating Agency” is hereby amended to add the Police Department of Selbyville as a “Participating Agency”.

## I. Purpose

This MOU establishes the agreement between the Participating Agencies to form and participate in the Sussex County Southeast Regional Police Accountability Committee (PAC). The PAC is formed to enhance public safety, promote transparency, and strengthen community trust in law enforcement through constructive dialogue and collaboration between the Participating Agencies and their respective communities.

## II. History of the PAC

In response to Delaware legislation mandating the establishment of Police Accountability Committees, the Sussex County Southeast Regional Police Accountability Committee (PAC) was formed in April 2024 under the leadership of Chief Kenneth McLaughlin of the Ocean View Police Department, along with Chiefs Constance Speake, Jason Lovins, and Michael Morrissey. The PAC serves as an advisory body aimed at addressing community concerns and enhancing public trust in law enforcement. The first meeting of the PAC took place on April 24, 2024, at the Ocean View Police Department.

## III. Operational Guidelines

The Participating Agencies agree to adhere to the PAC Operational Guidelines, as attached and incorporated herein by reference. These guidelines outline the mission, structure, meeting frequency, responsibilities, and other operational procedures necessary for the PAC's effective functioning.

## IV. Participation Requirements

1. **Participants:** Each Participating Agency shall provide two community representatives to serve as members of the PAC, as well as a Police Chief or their designee to participate as a non-voting member.
2. **Administrative Assistant:** The Ocean View Police Department agrees to provide a paid part-time employee who will hold the title of Administrative Assistant. This Administrative Assistant will be responsible for the following PAC management duties:
  - o **Meeting Management:** Recording and documenting all PAC meetings and activities, ensuring that accurate records are maintained and easily accessible.
  - o **FOIA Compliance:** Responding to Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests and other related inquiries to ensure transparency and accountability.

- o **Website Development and Maintenance:** Developing and maintaining a website dedicated to the PAC, providing public access to relevant information and updates.
  - o **Liaison Duties:** Serving as the primary liaison between the Participating Agencies, the PAC, and the Police Officer Standards and Training Commission (POST), ensuring clear and consistent communication.
3. **Support Provision:** The Ocean View Police Department will be responsible for providing a computer and other necessary items for the operation of the PAC.

## V. Financial Contributions

1. **Funding:** All Participating Agencies agree to contribute \$2,000 annually to support the operation of the PAC. Payment shall be made to the Town of Ocean View by April 1 each year.
2. **New Membership Fee:** Any new towns or police departments that join the PAC after the initial formation shall be required to pay a \$2,000 application fee.

## VI. Amendments and Modifications

This MOU may be amended or modified only by mutual written agreement of all Participating Agencies. Any proposed changes must be submitted in writing to the PAC Chairperson for consideration.

## VII. Signatures

The undersigned officials hereby enter into this MOU on behalf of their respective Police Departments and agree to the terms and conditions outlined herein.

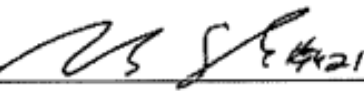

- Kenneth McLaughlin Kenneth McLaughlin  
Chief of Police, Ocean View Police Department  
Date: 9/3/24
- Carol Houck Carol S Houck  
Town Manager, Town of Ocean View  
Date: 9/26/2024
- Constance Speake [Signature]  
Chief of Police, Dewey Beach Police Department  
Date: 9/3/24
- Bill Zolper [Signature]  
Town Manager, Town of Dewey Beach  
Date: 09/03/24
- Jason Lovins [Signature]  
Chief of Police, South Bethany Police Department  
Date: 8/30/24
- Maureen Hartman Maureen Hartman  
Town Manager, Town of South Bethany  
Date: 8/30/24
- Michael Morrissey [Signature]  
Chief of Police, Fenwick Island Police Department  
Date: 3 SEPT 2024
- Lori Dabbondanza [Signature]  
Town Manager, Town of Fenwick Island  
Date: Sept 3, 2024

**Addendum 1:**

By letter dated October 10, 2024, the Dagsboro Police Department, through its Chief Nick Disciullo, made a formal request to join the PAC. This request was discussed at a regular meeting of the PAC, held on November 14, 2024. By a two-thirds majority the voting members of the PAC approved the admission of the Dagsboro Police Department as a Participating Agency to the PAC.

**Signatures:**

The undersigned officials hereby enter into this MOU on behalf of their Police Department and agree to the terms and conditions outlined herein.


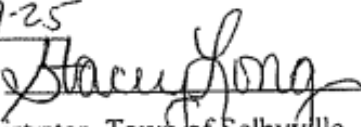
- Nicholas Disciullo   
Chief of Police, Dagsboro Police Department  
Date: 12/13/24
- Cynthia Brought   
Town Administrator, Town of Dagsboro  
Date: 12/16/24

**Addendum 2:**

By letter dated December 24, 2024, the Selbyville Police Department, through its Chief Brian Wilson, made a formal request to join the PAC. This request was discussed at a regular meeting of the PAC, held on February 13, 2025. By a majority the voting members of the PAC approved the admission of the Selbyville Police Department as a Participating Agency to the PAC.

**Signatures:**

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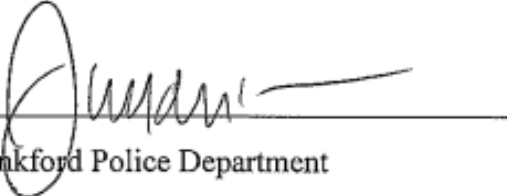
- Chief Brian Wilson  \_\_\_\_\_  
Chief of Police, Selbyville Police Department  
Date: 2-19-25
- Stacey Long  \_\_\_\_\_  
Town Administrator, Town of Selbyville  
Date: 2/19/25

**Addendum 3:**

By letter dated October 23, 2025, the Frankford Police Department, through its Chief Kevin M. Smith, made a formal request to join the PAC. This request was discussed at a regular meeting of the PAC, held on November 13, 2025. By a majority the voting members of the PAC approved the admission of the Frankford Police Department as a Participating Agency to the PAC.

**Signatures:**

The undersigned officials hereby enter into this MOU on behalf of their Police Department and agree to the terms and conditions outlined herein.

- Chief Kevin M. Smith   
Chief of Police, Frankford Police Department  
Date: 11-14-25
- Sheldon P. Hudson   
Town Manager, Frankford Police Department  
Date: 11/14/25



## SUSSEX COUNTY SOUTHEAST REGIONAL POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE

The Sussex County Southeast Regional Police Accountability Committee (PAC) will hold its quarterly meeting Thursday, May 8, 2025, from 1 PM to 3 PM at Fenwick Island Town Hall, 800 Coastal Highway, Fenwick Island, DE, 19944

The mission of the PAC is to serve as an advisory board that facilitates constructive dialogue between the community and the police departments of Dagsboro, Dewey Beach, Fenwick Island, Ocean View, and South Bethany. The PAC aims to enhance public safety, promote transparency, and strengthen community trust in law enforcement by providing recommendations on police practices and policies.

**Guest Speaker**, Sean Moriarty, Executive Director, State of Delaware Police Officer Standards and Training Commission (POST) will discuss duties and responsibilities of regional PAC members.

### **PAC Voting Members:**

**Gayle Marie Brown Driver, Esq., Chairperson, Ocean View**

**Ethan Magee, Ocean View**

**Lauren Weaver, Ocean View**

**Claudia Rodgers, Esq., Dewey Beach**

**Ed Klima, Dewey Beach**

**Gregory Flynn, South Bethany**

**Ian McCauley, Esq., South Bethany**

**Dennett (Denny) Pridgeon, Fenwick Island**

**Scott Mumford, Fenwick Island**

**Holly Stiles, Dagsboro**

**Tom Glenn, Dagsboro**

**Diana Barrientos-Granados, Selbyville**

**Scott S. Smith, Selbyville**

### **PAC Non-Voting Members:**

**Chief Kenneth McLaughlin, Ocean View Police Department**

**Chief Constance Speake, Dewey Beach Police Department**

**Chief Jason Lovins, South Bethany Police Department**

**Chief Michael Morrissey, Fenwick Island Police Department**

**Chief Nicholas Disciullo, Dagsboro Police Department**

**Chief Brian Wilson, Selbyville Police Department**

**Staff:** Kendahl Hearn, Administrative Assistant

### **Date/ Time:**

Thursday, May 8, 2025 1 to 3 PM

### **Location:**

Fenwick Island Town Hall  
800 Coastal Highway  
Fenwick Island, DE 19944

### **\*\*\*PUBLIC WELCOME\*\*\***

Members of the Public will have the chance to listen to the discussion and provide comments afterward.

PAC website:

[SCSRPAC.com](http://SCSRPAC.com)



Email PAC questions or comments  
to: [kendahl.hearn@cj.state.de.us](mailto:kendahl.hearn@cj.state.de.us)



## **Sussex County Southeast Regional Police Accountability Committee**

May 8, 2025, 1:00 PM

Fenwick Island Town Hall, 800 Coastal Hwy, Fenwick Island, DE

### **-Agenda-**

- General introduction, Chairperson Gayle Driver
- Accept minutes from last meeting
- Presentation from Sean Moriarty, Executive Director, State of Delaware Police Officer Standards and Training Commission
- Update from members regarding completion of the required 20 hours training, other comments or issues
- Update from Dagsboro P.D. regarding school jurisdiction issue
- Open discussion from Police Chiefs related to issues in their jurisdictions
- Location of next meeting
- Public comment
- Meeting adjourned

Agenda Posted: 5/1/2025

Please visit the Sussex County Southeast Regional Police Accountability Committee website - ([SCSRPAC.com](http://SCSRPAC.com)) - for more information.

## **Sussex County Southeast Regional Accountability Committee**

Quarterly Meeting May 8, 2025, 1 PM  
800 Coastal Highway, Fenwick Island, DE

**Voting Members Present:** Chairperson Gayle Marie Brown Driver, Esq., Ms. Lauren Weaver, Pastor Ethan Magee, Ms. Claudia Rodgers, Esq., Mr. Gregory Flynn, Mr. Ian McCauley, Esq., Mr. Denny Pridgeon, Mr. Scott Mumford, Ms. Holly Stiles, Mr. Tom Glenn, Ms. Diana Barrientos-Granados, and Mr. Scott Smith.

**Non-Voting Members Present:** Chief Jason Lovins, Chief Michael Morrissey, Chief Ken McLaughlin, Chief Constance Speake, Chief Nicholas Disciullo, and Chief Brian Wilson.

**Members Absent:** Mr. Ed Klima

### **1. CALL TO ORDER/Pledge of Allegiance**

### **2. GENERAL INTRODUCTION**

Chairperson Gayle Driver mentioned that this was the fourth meeting of the Sussex County Southeast Regional Accountability Committee since its inception April 24, 2024. The original four departments (Dewey Beach, Fenwick Island, Ocean View, and South Bethany) came together to form the PAC to comply with House Bill 26. There were nine original members and one of the mandates was to complete 20 hours of training to familiarize themselves with the department they were representing and get to know the officers and what they do. Recommendations for training included ride-alongs and citizen's police academies. The PAC has now expanded to six departments with the addition of Dagsboro in November and Selbyville in February and members were advised that training can be done with any of the departments in the PAC.

### **3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

Minutes from February 13, 2025, meeting were approved unanimously and are available on the PAC website [SCSRPAC.com](https://www.scsr.org/PAC).

### **4. GUEST SPEAKER**

Chairperson Driver introduced Sean Moriarty, Executive Director, State of Delaware Police Officer Standards and Training Commission, to explain what the committee is all about. Mr. Moriarty explained that HB 26 is a law requiring police departments in Delaware to have a police accountability committee (PAC) or be part of a regional PAC. He said about 70% of departments are in compliance but there is still a lot of work to do. There are six joint PACs and this is the largest but also one of the most robust and involved PACs in the state.

Mr. Moriarty said the intention of HB 26 was to increase police accountability, reform, and transparency so the Council on Police Training (COPT) which operated under Delaware State Police was abolished and the Police Officer Standards and Training Commission (POST) was created under Homeland Security for the state. Mr. Moriarty

became the executive director of POST after retiring in his 30<sup>th</sup> year with Delaware State Police. He suggested attendees look to the POST website for more information ( [Home-Police Officer Standards and Training Commission](#) ). POST is the governing body that certifies police officers and makes sure they maintain their training and qualifications throughout their career and decertifies officers who do not meet the standards. When officers are decertified, their information is entered in a national database so departments across the country can find out about previous misconduct.

Mr. Moriarty provided an overview of the police academies in the state and training standards, including standards for officers coming from other states. POST also oversees accreditation for all police departments in the state. Detailed information is available on the POST website. He briefly outlined accreditation standards and spoke about how helpful it is for different departments to help each other and share policies.

Mr. Moriarty wrapped up by saying that a Delaware PAC is not a citizen review board but a citizen advisory board. PAC members are encouraged to learn more about what police do so they can give advice and Chiefs can learn from them and build relationships across the aisle. He asked if anyone had questions and invited PAC members to call or email him with any questions.

## **5. UPDATE ON REQUIRED 20 HOURS TRAINING**

Chairperson Driver said the original nine members should have completed their 20 hours. Four of the original nine PAC members completed their 20 hours before the year anniversary and some others are nearly finished. Chairperson Driver asked them to describe their experiences. PAC members enjoyed Simulator training at OVPD, Firearms and Taser training with FIPD, the Bike Rodeo at Lord Baltimore Elementary, Cops and Goblins, among others. Many recommend ride-alongs as a great way to get to know what officers do, noting Dewey Beach ride-alongs can be especially interesting and that officers show incredible patience. Chief McLaughlin said he is working on a citizen's police academy, hopefully within the next year.

Ms. Stiles is a newer member who has already completed her training. She attended Dover's Citizen's Police Academy among other training and attended a DPAC meeting. Mr. Moriarty invited PAC members to attend DPAC and POST meetings. These meetings are open to the public and there is also a virtual link on the POST website, but he recommends attending in person. The next DPAC meeting is July 23<sup>rd</sup> and the next POST meeting is August 12<sup>th</sup>.

Chairperson Driver has attended quite a few training courses with OVPD and attended eight sessions of the Dewey Beach Seasonal Academy, which she found quite interesting. She even participated in the OC Spray training where she volunteered to be sprayed in the face with pepper spray. Mr. Moriarty offered PAC members a tour of any of the Delaware Academies.

## **6. UPDATE ON DAGSBORO PD SCHOOL JURISDICTION ISSUE**

Chief Disciullo said his officers were sworn in with Frankford PD, giving them jurisdiction at John M. Clayton Elementary School property. They have not heard back from Delaware State Police about Indian River High School, so his officers still do not have jurisdiction at the high school. The school has a Dagsboro address but is not in the town limits, so officers are not doing proactive patrols there.

Chief McLaughlin elaborated on how it works when municipal officers are asked to handle calls outside of their jurisdiction and how it costs citizens a lot of money and exposes the town to liability. Chief Lovins joined in the discussion.

Chief Lovins responded to a question from a member of the public about how off-duty officers respond to crimes they observe. He explained that there are certain crimes where an officer is allowed to act, and accreditation helps train officers about these things. Chief McLaughlin also pointed out times when on-duty officers in marked units are not allowed to act when they are outside their jurisdiction. He said the state is addressing some of these issues.

## **7. OTHER DISCUSSION**

Chief McLaughlin said the state is also addressing “fragmented areas” in certain jurisdictions. Chief Disciullo elaborated on the types of scenarios that can expose towns to liability if officers act outside their jurisdiction. It was suggested that PAC members can learn a lot by reading through departments’ policy manuals. Manuals are posted on the PAC website for PAC members.

Chief Lovins reiterated the importance of ride-alongs and suggested PAC members should ride with officers other than the Chief to get a different perspective.

Chief Speake said Dewey is finishing up the Seasonal Academy. They have 13 seasonals this year. Construction has started on their new building and will take about a year. She welcomed PAC members to come to Dewey for ride alongs and to the Seasonal Academy next year. Dewey seasonals have temporary certifications as police officers and make arrests. You really get an idea what police officers have to learn by observing the Seasonal Academy.

Chief Morrissey invited everyone to tour the Fenwick Island Police Department after the meeting.

## **8. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Lt Cliff Dempsey from Dewey Beach thanked PAC members for attending Dewey’s seasonal academy. They work very hard on the program and invest a lot in the seasonals who often go on to become full time police officers. He encouraged ride-alongs. Many people have never known police officers and it is good to have that interaction.

Chief Lovins said he would like for someone to show PowerDMS and the Accreditation process at the next meeting and the group agreed.

Chairperson Driver mentioned that the events the police departments hold for the community also serve as stress relief for the officers and are very important as a way for officers and the public to interact.

#### **9. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be Thursday, August 14, 2025, at Dagsboro Fire Department, 28331 Clayton St, Dagsboro, Delaware.

#### **10. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:35 PM.

*Respectfully submitted, Kendahl Hearn, SCSR PAC Administrative Assistant*

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## SUSSEX COUNTY SOUTHEAST REGIONAL POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE

The Sussex County Southeast Regional Police Accountability Committee (PAC) will hold its quarterly meeting Thursday, August 14, 2025, from 1 PM to 3 PM at Dagsboro Fire Department, 28331 Clayton St, Dagsboro, DE 19939

The mission of the PAC is to serve as an advisory board that facilitates constructive dialogue between the community and the police departments of Dagsboro, Dewey Beach, Fenwick Island, Ocean View, Selbyville, and South Bethany. The PAC aims to enhance public safety, promote transparency, and strengthen community trust in law enforcement by providing recommendations on police practices and policies.

**Presentation:** An Ocean View Police Department training officer will give a presentation on the use of "The WRAP", a safe restraint system.

### PAC Voting Members:

- Gayle Marie Brown Driver, Esq., Chairperson, Ocean View**
- Ethan Magee, Ocean View**
- Lauren Weaver, Ocean View**
- Claudia Rodgers, Esq., Dewey Beach**
- Ed Klima, Dewey Beach**
- Gregory Flynn, South Bethany**
- Ian McCauley, Esq., South Bethany**
- Dennett (Denny) Pridgeon, Fenwick Island**
- Scott Mumford, Fenwick Island**
- Holly Stiles, Dagsboro**
- Tom Glenn, Dagsboro**
- Diana Barrientos-Granados, Selbyville**
- Scott S. Smith, Selbyville**

### PAC Non-Voting Members:

- Chief Kenneth McLaughlin, Ocean View Police Department**
- Chief Constance Speake, Dewey Beach Police Department**
- Chief Jason Lovins, South Bethany Police Department**
- Chief Michael Morrissey, Fenwick Island Police Department**
- Chief Nicholas Disciullo, Dagsboro Police Department**
- Chief Brian Wilson, Selbyville Police Department**

Staff: Kendahl Hearn, Administrative Assistant

**Date/ Time:**  
Thursday, August 14, 2025  
1 to 3 PM

**Location:**  
Dagsboro Fire Department  
28331 Clayton St  
Dagsboro, DE 19939

**\*\*\*PUBLIC WELCOME\*\*\***  
Members of the Public will have the chance to listen to the discussion and provide comments afterward.

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Email PAC questions or comments to: [kendahl.hearn@cj.state.de.us](mailto:kendahl.hearn@cj.state.de.us)



## **Sussex County Southeast Regional Police Accountability Committee**

August 14, 2025, 1:00 PM

Dagsboro Fire Department, 28331 Clayton St., Dagsboro, DE

### **-Agenda-**

- General introduction, Chairperson Gayle Driver
- Accept minutes from last meeting
- Presentation from Ocean View Police Department on the use of The Wrap.
- Update from members regarding completion of the required 20 hours training, other comments or issues
- Open discussion from Police Chiefs related to issues in their jurisdictions
- Location of next meeting
- Public comment
- Meeting adjourned

Agenda Posted: 8/5/2025

Please visit the Sussex County Southeast Regional Police Accountability Committee website ([SCSRPAC.com](http://SCSRPAC.com)) for more information.

**Sussex County Southeast Regional Accountability Committee**  
Quarterly Meeting August 14, 2025, 1 PM  
Dagsboro Fire Department, 28331 Clayton St, Dagsboro, DE 19939

**Voting Members Present:** Chairperson Gayle Marie Brown Driver, Esq., Ms. Lauren Weaver, Ms. Claudia Rodgers, Esq., Mr. Ed Klima, Mr. Gregory Flynn, Mr. Denny Pridgeon, Mr. Scott Mumford, Ms. Holly Stiles, Mr. Tom Glenn, Ms. Diana Barrientos-Granados, and Mr. Scott Smith.

**Non-Voting Members Present:** Chief Jason Lovins, Chief Ken McLaughlin, Chief Nicholas Disciullo, Chief Brian Wilson, and Lt. Cliff Dempsey representing Dewey Beach.

**Members Absent:** Chief Constance Speake, Chief Michael Morrissey.

**1. CALL TO ORDER/Pledge of Allegiance**

**2. GENERAL INTRODUCTION**

**3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

Minutes from May 8, 2025, meeting were approved unanimously and are available on the PAC website [SCSRPAC.com](https://www.scsr.org/PAC/SCSRPAC.com).

**4. PRESENTATION**

Chairperson Driver said she planned for all PAC meetings to include some type of presentation, tour, or guest speaker. This meeting's presentation was the use of the Wrap restraint device. Ocean View Police Department's Handcuffing and Restraint Policy was sent to PAC members to read before the meeting. Chief McLaughlin introduced Sgt. Rhys Bradshaw and Sgt. Justin Hopkins who would do the demonstration. Chief McLaughlin explained how difficult it can be to restrain someone against their will especially when they are under the influence of alcohol or drugs. A spit guard is used along with the Wrap so Sgt. Hopkins put the spit guard on Kendahl Hearn and took her oxygen levels before and after to show the guard did not affect her breathing.

Mr. Flynn volunteered to have the Wrap used on him. Sgt. Hopkins explained that the Wrap is used when someone is violent or combative, they are a danger to others or themselves, and other methods have been exhausted. Officers had Mr. Flynn lie face down on a mat and demonstrated how 2 officers would administer the Wrap, always being sure the restrained subject is able to breathe properly. The Wrap has four components; ankle wrap, leg wrap, harness, and helmet. Once the Wrap was fully in place, Mr. Flynn was sitting up on the mat and he said he was surprisingly comfortable in the device. Sgt. Hopkins said he was skeptical about the use of the device when he first saw it but that they used it the first night they had it and have found it very useful. Chief McLaughlin said in actual use, the device only takes under a minute to administer, it is very safe, and the alternative would be use of force. The Wrap is also used as a medical restraint for subjects who are combative and need to be treated by EMS. Various

questions were asked and answered about the device. Chairperson Driver mentioned that officers receive ongoing training in the use of this and other tools and that this is a humane way to restrain someone. She hopes these types of demonstrations help committee members to better understand why devices like this are used and to pass this information on to members of the community. She asked members to let her know if there are other demonstrations they would like to see.

## **5. UPDATE ON REQUIRED 20 HOURS TRAINING**

Chairperson Driver reported that two members stepped down from the committee; one due to health issues, and one due to time constraints. All of the members who have been on the committee more than one year have completed their required 20 hours training. She encouraged members to continue to work with their police departments.

## **6. OPEN DISCUSSION**

Chairperson Driver mentioned that accreditation has been a big concern for departments and asked Chiefs to speak on that topic. Chief McLaughlin said all departments in Delaware must be accredited by 2028. OVPD recently completed its three-year reaccreditation. OVPD has MOU's with some of the neighboring agencies to use OVPD's detention facility. Some departments have had to make major changes to pass accreditation. POST continues to update standards and it is an ongoing process. Chief McLaughlin also spoke about a national decertification list that would identify officers who have been dismissed from service by other states. Delaware also requires police applicants to undergo psychological and background checks before joining a department even if they are already a certified police officer. He said it has been a busy summer and noted the increase in traffic this year.

Chairperson Driver mentioned that committee members should go to town meetings, especially when police department funding is discussed.

Chief Disciullo said Dagsboro Police Department now has a certified firearms instructor and they have a tentative on-site evaluation date for accreditation of December 3<sup>rd</sup> and they will be using Millsboro Police Department's detention facility until their new building is completed. He noted that POST just added two new standards.

Chief Lovins said it has been a busy summer. South Bethany Police Department is scheduled to have their on site accreditation August 27<sup>th</sup>. He mentioned that accreditation is very time-consuming and expensive and also that police salaries are going up all the time. He hopes to hire someone to help with accreditation.

Lt. Dempsey was representing Dewey Beach in Chief Speake's place. He said when he was assigned to handle his departments accreditation, he had to start from scratch creating all new policies with the help of Lexipol. He is solely in charge of accreditation and they are going through accreditation with their old building while their new building is being built so that is a challenge. He said they had a great summer. They were busy but did not have as many significant events.

Chief Wilson said Selbyville is tentatively scheduled for their on site accreditation visit the end of September. They share a former bank building with the town hall and have to work out some things to be in compliance with accreditation. He said they are upgrading their fleet which is very expensive and are also upgrading some other equipment. They have a recruit graduating from the Academy in September and are still hiring.

There was discussion about police departments applying for grants for funding.

Chief McLaughlin mentioned that Chief Morrissey couldn't attend today because he was the only officer on the road. Fenwick Island had their on site accreditation visit in July and will be officially accredited at the quarterly DPAC meeting in October in Dover. PAC members are welcome to attend that meeting and will be notified when the meeting is scheduled. DPAC meetings are also available online.

Ms. Weaver asked if police departments are using artificial intelligence (AI) and if there are policies in place on the use of AI. Chief McLaughlin said they are using it in small ways and policies will be necessary at some point. He said there is technology where some departments download police video and AI writes the report but they aren't doing anything like that at this point.

Chairperson Driver asked Chiefs what they would like committee members to do for them. She also asked members to let her know if there were other presentations they would like to see.

Lt Dempsey mentioned everyone is invited to Dewey Beach's Public Safety Day, September 20<sup>th</sup>. Chief McLaughlin invited everyone to attend Cops and Goblins October 25<sup>th</sup> and mentioned that OVPD is working on several children's books.

Mr. Pridgeon said he read about a noise meter designed for traffic violations where violations are issued like a speed camera. There was discussion about noise violations and how difficult it is to isolate a violation over ambient noise.

Mr. Mumford said this is the first time in his life he has seen traffic this bad and he is concerned about the infrastructure in this area from a public safety standpoint.

Chief McLaughlin said Sussex County Police Chief's Association is planning to send a Chief of Police to County Council meetings to bring up concerns. He also mentioned that the small departments in Sussex County often provide services outside of their towns' jurisdiction. He said the departments are not compensated for those services, but they can face liability issues that are not covered by their respective towns' insurance. Concerns about response time for fire and ambulance as well as police were discussed.

Ms. Stiles mentioned that she has participated in working groups with the Delaware Office of Highway Safety and some of these topics have come up. Some of

these are in-person and some are webinars. The groups are posted on Eventbrite and she said they were very useful.

There was more discussion about all the development around the Ocean View and Selbyville areas and how something needs to be done about the roads as more development is coming. There was also discussion that so much of the money brought in by Sussex County is not used in Sussex County.

Ms. Weaver mentioned that the Chamber has had recent success in working with businesses to combat shoplifting. Officers recommend mediation for some young offenders and the offenders have to perform community service among other requirements. Lt. Dempsey said DBPD often has them pick up trash in the town. Chief MacLaughlin said OVPD has some incidents of organized shoplifting with people from out of town.

Chief MacLaughlin also mentioned that POST Director Moriarty uses the SCSR PAC as an example for other PACs.

Chairperson Driver would like to get a group photograph at the next meeting.

## **7. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be Thursday, November 13, 2025, at the Ocean View Community Center, 32 West Ave, Ocean View, DE 19970

## **8. PUBLIC COMMENTS** None

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:48 PM.

*Respectfully submitted, Kendahl Hearn, SCSR PAC Administrative Assistant*

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## SUSSEX COUNTY SOUTHEAST REGIONAL POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE

The Sussex County Southeast Regional Police Accountability Committee (PAC) will hold its quarterly meeting Thursday, November 13, 2025, from 1 PM to 3 PM at Ocean View Community Center 32 West Ave, Ocean View, DE 19970

The mission of the PAC is to serve as an advisory board that facilitates constructive dialogue between the community and the police departments of Dagsboro, Dewey Beach, Fenwick Island, Ocean View, Selbyville, and South Bethany. The PAC aims to enhance public safety, promote transparency, and strengthen community trust in law enforcement by providing recommendations on police practices and policies.

**Presentation:** Chief Lovins, South Bethany Police Department, will demonstrate PowerDMS and its use with Delaware Accreditation.

### **PAC Voting Members:**

**Gayle Marie Brown Driver, Esq., Chairperson, Ocean View**

**Lauren Weaver, Ocean View**

**Rev. Dr. Rebecca Collison, Ocean View**

**Claudia Rodgers, Esq., Dewey Beach**

**Ed Klima, Dewey Beach**

**Gregory Flynn, South Bethany**

**Marlin Van Horn, South Bethany**

**Dennett (Denny) Pridgeon, Fenwick Island**

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**Diana Barrientos-Granados, Selbyville**

**Scott S. Smith, Selbyville**

### **PAC Non-Voting Members:**

**Chief Kenneth McLaughlin, Ocean View Police Department**

**Chief Constance Speake, Dewey Beach Police Department**

**Chief Jason Lovins, South Bethany Police Department**

**Chief Michael Morrissey, Fenwick Island Police Department**

**Chief Nicholas Disciullo, Dagsboro Police Department**

**Chief Brian Wilson, Selbyville Police Department**

**Staff: Kendahl Hearn, Administrative Assistant**

### **Date/ Time:**

Thursday, November 13, 2025  
1 to 3 PM

### **Location:**

Ocean View Community Center  
32 West Ave  
Ocean View, DE 19970

### **\*\*\*PUBLIC WELCOME\*\*\***

Members of the Public will have the chance to listen to the discussion and provide comments afterward.

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## **Sussex County Southeast Regional Police Accountability Committee**

November 13, 2025, 1:00 PM

Ocean View Community Center, 32 West Ave, Ocean View, DE

### **-Agenda-**

- General introduction, Chairperson Gayle Driver
- Accept minutes from last meeting ([8/14/25 Minutes](#))
- Presentation by Chief Lovins, South Bethany Police Department, on the use of PowerDMS for Delaware Police Accreditation Commission (DPAC)
- Open discussion from committee members
- Open discussion from Police Chiefs related to issues in their jurisdictions
- Location of next meeting
- Public comment
- Meeting adjourned

Agenda Posted: 10/30/2025

Please visit the Sussex County Southeast Regional Police Accountability Committee website ([SCSRPAC.com](http://SCSRPAC.com)) for more information.

**Sussex County Southeast Regional Accountability Committee**  
Quarterly Meeting November 13, 2025, 1 PM  
Ocean View Community Center, 32 West Ave., Ocean View, DE

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

**Non-Voting Members Present:** Chief Michael Morrissey, Chief Jason Lovins, Chief Ken McLaughlin, Chief Nicholas Disciullo, Chief Constance Speake, and Capt. Brian Parsons representing Selbyville.

**Members Absent:** Ms. Claudia Rodgers, Rev. Dr. Rebecca Collison, Mr. Gregory Flynn, and Mr. Scott Mumford.

**1. CALL TO ORDER/Pledge of Allegiance**

**2. GENERAL INTRODUCTION**

**3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

Minutes from August 14, 2025, meeting were approved unanimously and are available on the PAC website [SCSRPAC.com](https://www.scsr.org/PAC).

**4. PRESENTATION**

Chief Lovins provided a demonstration of PowerDMS, which is the electronic file and data-sharing system police departments in Delaware use to support the accreditation process. Assessors can log-in from remotely to check department files. There are currently eight chapters in the Delaware Police Accreditation Commission (DPAC) Standards Manual containing 108 standards with numerous subsections. Chief Lovins demonstrated how agencies upload their written directives (policies) for each standard section and then provide “proof” that the department is following each section. Proofs can be in the form of reports, videos, pictures, training certificates, etc., which are highlighted to show compliance. He showed the section dealing with field training officers as an example.

Chairperson Driver asked for further explanation about how a department proves compliance and Chief Lovins explained that departments have manuals and officers must sign off on all policies and procedures. There was further discussion about procedures and how proofs are collected demonstrating that the digital system is better. Chairperson Driver mentioned that the requirement for all police departments in Delaware to have a police accountability committee is now a standard. Chief Lovins pulled up that standard, the written directive, and proofs which included PAC website and flyers and minutes from PAC meetings. He also explained that on-site assessments are done every three years, but certain sections will be checked by assessors in PowerDMS yearly.

**5. OPEN DISCUSSION FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Mr. Pridgeon congratulated the departments who have completed their accreditation. Chairperson Driver mentioned some community events she recently attended and enjoyed, including Dewey Beach’s Community Appreciation and Safety Day and Ocean View’s Cops and Goblins. She noted that various departments and agencies were represented at both events and she especially enjoyed a demonstration at the Dewey Beach event where Delaware Drug and Alcohol Enforcement had a simulator which

demonstrated what it felt like to drive under the influence. She encourages PAC members to attend these events.

Mr. Van Horn was impressed to learn that Lord Baltimore Elementary has a School Resource Officer. Chief McLaughlin spoke about School Resource Officers and Constables and said OVPD officers also go to Lord Baltimore for arrival and dismissal. Chief Morrissey noted that his department and others in the area train at Lord Baltimore every summer, so they are familiar with the school and prepared in case of an emergency. Chairperson Driver mentioned that departments' jurisdictions are limited to schools located in the incorporated limits of their towns, as discussed in previous PAC meetings in reference the Indian River High School being outside the town limits of Dagsboro. There was further discussion about how School Resource Officers are funded. Chief McLaughlin mentioned an OVPD initiative in which all 5<sup>th</sup> graders at Lord Baltimore will be CPR-certified. Mr. Klima said it is important for PAC members to learn about this type of thing to advocate for the money needed by police departments to continue these programs. He also asked for an overview of statistics from each department at the next meeting, possibly including year-to-year call volume. Chairperson Driver added that the stats should include the number of calls responded to by officers which were outside the town's jurisdiction. Chief Morrissey said 20-30% of FIPD's responses are outside of their jurisdiction. There was discussion about the numerous new housing developments in the area and about how many of these housing developments are not in incorporated towns. Chief McLaughlin said Ocean View is currently in the process of a \$30,000 study with the International Chiefs of Police studying what it costs the town for OVPD officers to respond to calls outside their jurisdiction. He said liability is the biggest issue and Chiefs are pushing for the state to cover officers in lawsuits when they are assisting Delaware State Police.

## **6. OPEN DISCUSSION FROM POLICE CHIEFS**

Chief McLaughlin said OVPD is trying to get better access to the state Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) for municipal departments and explained that the current way they do things is very inefficient, noting that officers have to enter the same data into several systems to do a simple report. OVPD now has Fire and EMS calls from local fire departments displayed in the department in real time and would like to do the same with police calls being handled by other jurisdictions, but they haven't been able to get permission. Chief Speake said Dewey Beach created their own 24-hour dispatch center because of this but the problem with that is that departments using the state system and Dewey Beach officers cannot see each other's locations because they are not on the same system. Lt. Dempsey explained further why Dewey Beach had to get their own dispatch system. Chief McLaughlin said he and other nearby departments might eventually create their own regional dispatch system but then they would not be able to see state troopers. He has also investigated moving local police departments on to the Sussex County Fire/EMS system. Ms. Weaver asked if local police departments are included in County EOC during emergencies. Chief McLaughlin said OVPD sets up a satellite EOC in those instances and officers train with them to prepare and test systems.

Chief Disciullo said Dagsboro will have their mock assessment on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and their on-site in January for their initial accreditation. Dagsboro Police Department is in the process of creating a regional collision reconstruction unit. He introduced Cpl. Anthony Valenti who is experienced and certified in this area. Chief Disciullo has heard that the state is moving away from helping local departments with these investigations. He is looking for funding and will be reaching out to local agencies to see who is interested and which departments have officers who are already certified and/ or interested in training for this unit.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

Chairperson Driver read a letter dated October 23, 2025, from Frankford Police Chief, Kevin Smith asking to join the Sussex County Southeast Regional Committee. Cpl. Loulou was in attendance representing Frankford as the Chief was attending a funeral. Ms. Stiles asked how Frankford is doing in their accreditation process. Cpl. Loulou said she is the accreditation manager and they have brought in an experienced person to help so they are doing well in the process. Chief Disciullo expressed concern that he had had difficulty contacting Chief Smith. Chairperson Driver mentioned that Frankford was invited to join the PAC a year ago and didn't respond until now. Chief Morrissey said the PAC Commission in Dover is under great pressure to get all departments in compliance with this law and he supports allowing Frankford into the PAC but that should be the last agency admitted. He also offered his department's help to Frankford and the other agencies in their accreditation process to get all of the departments in compliance with the law. Chief Speake agreed and said Frankford is a very small department working on accreditation and trying to comply with the laws and regulations and should be allowed to join. Ms. Stiles said since this PAC is already the largest in the state, she thought it had been agreed that no other agencies would be added after Selbyville. Ms. Weaver said the PAC had always talked about Frankford possibly joining. Mr. Klima expressed concern that if the duties of the PAC are expanded someday, as he suspects they will be, such a large PAC will become unmanageable and the bylaws need to be updated to address that potential. Chief McLaughlin said that if state law changes and the duties of the PAC change to the point that they are involved in internal investigations, the regional PAC would probably have to be dissolved and reconstructed. He thinks this will be manageable with the PAC's current responsibilities and since the agencies surrounding Frankford are in the PAC, they should be included but he does share Chief Disciullo's concerns and hopes Frankford will be active in the PAC. He foresees the departments in the PAC working together more in the future. He agrees that bylaws need to be updated to include mechanism for removing agencies from the PAC. Ms. Weaver mentioned that there is the requirement that PAC members must complete 20 hours of training in their first year. Chief Morrissey added that they learned during their accreditation that an agency cannot be accredited until their PAC members have completed their 20 hours training.

Mr. Klima reiterated his concern that the bylaws need to include evaluation of participation by departments. He said he feels he should be visiting all of the departments in the PAC to see how they do things. Ms. Weaver said it was her understanding that a PAC member's service is to their department although it is good that joint training is offered. Chairperson Driver said that is mainly up to the individual how involved they want to get with the other departments. She has taken advantage of training at various departments and as the chairperson, she feels she should see all of the departments to prepare for the meetings. She believes departments will weed themselves out if they do not participate in the PAC. Chief Speake agreed with Mr. Klima that there should be requirements for active participation by the agencies. Ms. Weaver thought there was something in the bylaws that members had to attend a certain number of meetings. Chief Lovins also wanted to know if there is a requirement to actively participate in meetings and a way to remove departments that don't. Chairperson Driver suggested starting a committee to evaluate the bylaws and add language to strengthen bylaws to include the participation required to stay in the PAC. Ms. Stiles said it has been a big investment by the departments getting PAC members trained and she would like to ask Chief Smith some questions and that maybe the vote should wait until he was able to attend a meeting. She asked Cpl. Loulou why Frankford didn't

respond when first asked to join the PAC. Cpl. Loulou said they were having a difficult time finding PAC members until they found out the person didn't have to live in the town, just have a vested interest. She feels the PAC will be a great opportunity to increase communication between Frankford and the other agencies.

Ms. Weaver made a motion to accept Frankford into the PAC. Mr. Pridgeon seconded the motion. Mr. Van Horn also said he would rather wait to vote until they could ask Chief Smith some questions. Ms. Weaver, Ms. Barrientos-Granados, Mr. Smith, Mr. Pridgeon, and Mr. Glenn voted in favor of accepting Frankford into the PAC. Ms. Stiles, Mr. Van Horn, and Mr. Klima opposed. Chairperson Driver announced the vote was passed and assured dissenting voters that Chief Smith will address their questions at the next meeting. Mr. Pridgeon asked Cpl. Loulou to impress upon the Chief how important his participation is and to get the communication issue resolved.

## **8. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be Thursday, February 12, 2026, at the Fenwick Island Town Hall, 800 Coastal Hwy., Fenwick Island, DE.

## **9. PUBLIC COMMENTS** None

## **10. OTHER COMMENTS**

Chief Speake wished everyone a happy, safe Thanksgiving and Christmas. Chairperson Driver informed the group that they can sign up to participate/ observe Dewey Beach's seasonal academy in the Spring and if they know any young people (18 or over) who would like to be a seasonal, they are taking applications. Ms. Weaver said Ocean City is holding CERT (Citizen's Emergency Response Training) next week.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:36 PM.

*Respectfully submitted, Kendahl Hearn, SCSR PAC Administrative Assistant*

[Link to Meeting Video](#)



## SUSSEX COUNTY SOUTHEAST REGIONAL POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE

The Sussex County Southeast Regional Police Accountability Committee (PAC) will hold its quarterly meeting Thursday, February 12, 2026, from 1 PM to 3 PM at Fenwick Island Town Hall, Fenwick Island, DE 19944

The mission of the PAC is to serve as an advisory board that facilitates constructive dialogue between the community and the police departments of Dagsboro, Dewey Beach, Fenwick Island, Ocean View, Selbyville, and South Bethany. The PAC aims to enhance public safety, promote transparency, and strengthen community trust in law enforcement by providing recommendations on police practices and policies.

### **PAC Voting Members:**

**Gayle Marie Brown Driver, Esq., Chairperson, Ocean View**

**Lauren Weaver, Ocean View**

**Rev. Dr. Rebecca Collison, Ocean View**

**Claudia Rodgers, Esq., Dewey Beach**

**Ed Klima, Dewey Beach**

**Gregory Flynn, South Bethany**

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**Scott Mumford, Fenwick Island**

**Holly Stiles, Dagsboro**

**Tom Glenn, Dagsboro**

**Diana Barrientos-Granados, Selbyville**

**Scott S. Smith, Selbyville**

**Philip Hartmeyer, Frankford**

**Charles Shelton, Frankford**

### **PAC Non-Voting Members:**

**Chief Kenneth McLaughlin, Ocean View Police Department**

**Chief Constance Speake, Dewey Beach Police Department**

**Chief Jason Lovins, South Bethany Police Department**

**Chief Michael Morrissey, Fenwick Island Police Department**

**Chief Nicholas Disciullo, Dagsboro Police Department**

**Chief Brian Wilson, Selbyville Police Department**

**Chief Kevin M. Smith, Frankford Police Department**

**Staff: Kendahl Hearn, Administrative Assistant**

### **Date/ Time:**

Thursday, February 12, 2026  
1 to 3 PM

### **Location:**

Fenwick Island Town Hall  
800 Coastal Hwy  
Fenwick Island, DE 19944

### **\*\*\*PUBLIC WELCOME\*\*\***

Members of the Public will have the chance to listen to the discussion and provide comments afterward.

PAC website:

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## **Sussex County Southeast Regional Police Accountability Committee**

February 12, 2026, 1:00 PM

Fenwick Island Town Hall, 800 Coastal Hwy., Fenwick Island DE

-Updated Agenda-

- General introduction and Call to Order, Chairperson Gayle Driver
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of minutes from previous meeting ([11/13/25 Minutes](#))
- Chief Morrissey will give a demonstration of the virtual reality simulator used for training and invite some of the PAC members to run through scenarios
- Review of last meeting's vote
- Presentation of statistics from each department showing call volume 2024/2025 including number of responses out of town limits
- Report from Bylaw Review Committee
- Open discussion from committee members
- Open discussion from Police Chiefs related to issues in their jurisdictions
- Location of next meeting
- Public comment
- Group photo
- Meeting adjourned

Agenda Posted: 1/22/2026; updated agenda posted 1/29/2026

Please visit the Sussex County Southeast Regional Police Accountability Committee website ([SCSRPAC.com](http://SCSRPAC.com)) | for more information.

**Sussex County Southeast Regional Accountability Committee**  
Quarterly Meeting February 12, 2026, 1 PM  
Fenwick Island Town Hall, 800 Coastal Highway, Fenwick Island, DE 19944

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

**Non-Voting Members Present:** Chief Ken McLaughlin, Chief Constance Speake, Chief Jason Lovins, Chief Michael Morrissey, Chief Nicholas Disciullo, Chief Kevin M. Smith, and Capt. Brian Parsons representing Selbyville.

**Members Absent:** Ms. Claudia Rodgers, Mr. Ed Klima, Mr. Scott Mumford, Chief Brian Wilson.

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

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

No objections to Agenda

**3. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

Minutes from November 13, 2025, meeting were approved.

**4. REVIEW OF LAST MEETING'S VOTE**

Chairperson Driver made a motion to re-vote on the admission of Frankford Police Department into the PAC. At the 11/13/25 meeting, five members voted "yes", three voted "no", and Chairperson Driver did not vote, so the vote did not pass by the required 2/3 majority. Ms. Weaver made a motion to re-vote, Mr. Van Horn seconded the motion. Seven voting members and the chairperson were present for the re-vote. The two Frankford PAC members were not included in the vote. Four members voted "yes" and three voted "no". Chief Speake noted that both Dewey Beach members were not present.

Chairperson Driver suggested further discussion. Mr. Van Horn said he was concerned about whether Frankford Police Department was committed to the PAC. Chief Smith introduced his PAC members, Mr. Philip Hartmeyer, and Mr. Charles Shelton and explained that the only reason he had to miss the last meeting was because he had to attend a funeral at the same time as the meeting. He said Frankford had always planned to join the PAC but had a difficult time finding a second PAC member and he was off for medical reasons for five months. Mr. Pridgeon mentioned that Chief Disciullo spoke about communication problems with Frankford. Chief Smith said he and Chief Disciullo had discussed the communication problems and they seem to be working on a solution. Chief Morrissey explained that departments are required to be part of a PAC to be accredited and the legislature is pushing to get every department into a PAC and accredited. He believes this should be the last department included but doesn't think Frankford should be excluded when they fit geographically with the other departments.

Chief McLaughlin questioned why the first vote didn't count. Chairperson Driver explained that only 5 of the members present voted to let Frankford in and that was not the 2/3 majority of members present needed to pass. Ms. Weaver noted that the re-vote of four to three also isn't enough to pass the vote. Chief Speake agreed with Chief Morrissey that there was no reason to exclude Frankford, that Frankford's Chief, Town Manager, and two PAC members are here, and they should be allowed to join the PAC. Another PAC member arrived late, and Mr. Pridgeon suggested another vote. Ms. Weaver concurred. Chief Lovins objected to the fact that the agenda listed, "Review of last meeting's vote" and

didn't specifically say the PAC was going to re-vote. He thought some of the members who are absent might have come if they knew there was going to be a new vote and that the agenda should accurately reflect what would happen at the meeting. Chairperson Driver said they constantly stress the importance of PAC member attendance, and this was included so that it could be resolved at this meeting. She asked if any PAC members objected to voting and none did. She asked for a motion to rescind the earlier vote. Ms. Weaver made the motion to re-vote. Mr. Van Horn seconded the motion. Ms. Diana Barrientos-Granados, Mr. Denny Pridgeon, Mr. Tom Glenn, Rev. Dr. Rebecca Collison, Ms. Lauren Weaver, Mr. Gregory Flynn, and Mr. Marlin Van Horn voted "yes" with Ms. Holly Stiles voting "no". The vote passed with seven out of the nine voting members voting "yes".

## **5. PRESENTATION OF DEPARTMENT STATS**

A PowerPoint presentation listed calls for service for each agency for 2024 and 2025 as well as a breakdown of the "assist other agency" calls. Chiefs made brief comments on their stats, and a member of the public asked several questions. The presentation is available on the PAC website- [PD Stats 2024/2025](#). There was further discussion about local police departments having to respond to calls outside their jurisdiction and how this will increase with so many new developments in the area. It was noted that Delaware State Police are also stretched thin. Chief McLaughlin spoke about how the local departments help each other. There was discussion of state and county funding for local police departments and the problem of town taxpayers paying for their officers to respond to calls out of town. Chief McLaughlin mentioned that Ocean View recently completed a study with the International Association of Chiefs of Police (I.A.C.P.) addressing the risk to the Town when officers respond outside town limits. As a result of the study, Ocean View had to raise their liability insurance coverage from \$2 million to \$10 million per incident at a cost of \$6,000. They have drafted legislation to be sent to League of Local Governments asking the state to pay for that coverage. He also noted that most of the calls out of town are higher risk calls. Chiefs McLaughlin and Lovins described how their officers are sworn in to both departments and how that has benefited them through the years. Chief Lovins mentioned an example recently where there was a panic alarm in the unincorporated area of Frankford at 4:13 AM. The closest officer was a South Bethany officer who responded, leaving South Bethany without an officer. If something serious had happened in South Bethany at that time, Ocean View or Fenwick Island would have been called to respond.

Mr. Pridgeon asked if there was a way for PAC members to ask for more funding from County Council considering the development of new housing in the area requiring more from local departments. Chairperson Driver said she wanted to discuss having PAC members possibly send letters to County Council members. Ms. Weaver suggested that before the group proceeds to contact county officials, we should have a plan for what is being requested and explain why the funding is necessary. Chief McLaughlin said the 21 municipal agencies in Delaware currently receive \$45,000 each per year from the county. The Sussex County Police Chiefs' Association has asked for more money, and he thinks they will get some additional funding. Chief Morrissey noted that one police vehicle with required equipment costs \$80,000, seven body cameras cost \$45,000, cameras for eight police vehicles cost \$122,000, and these are mandated by the state. Chief McLaughlin agreed and said the state keeps coming up with more "unfunded mandates" including Police Accountability Committees, equipment, training, and departments must comply. Ms. Weaver asked what money departments get from the state. Chief McLaughlin said they apply for grants including S.A.L.L.E. (State Aid to Local Law Enforcement), E.I.D.E. (Emergency Illegal Drug Enforcement), and S.L.E.A.F. (Special Law Enforcement Assistance Fund). Chief Morrissey said they submit the number of officers they have to the state every year and they are allotted money based on manpower, but the state legislature is working on legislation that would waive certain fines so the money will not be there. He said the state is mandating these things but

at the same time taking away the funding source. Mr. Van Horn would like future meetings to focus on the financial picture, and the challenges police departments face so PAC members can pass information on to their town councils. He noted that the state gets a lot of money from tourists and that money should come back to this area. Chairperson Driver suggested PAC members attend their town council meetings, particularly during budget discussions. She also suggested PAC members should send a committee to attend a state budget hearing and possibly provide testimony. Ms. Weaver asked if town departments could break out the *emergency calls* outside their jurisdiction rather than all assists. Chairperson Driver suggested adding further discussion on this matter to the agenda for the next meeting. She suggested members should attend meetings in their towns over the next few months and talk about what they learn at the next PAC meeting.

## **6. F.I.P.D. PRESENTATION- VIRTUAL REALITY SIMULATOR**

Cpl. Hudson and Cpl. Story of Fenwick Island Police Department demonstrated their virtual reality Simulator. Cpl. Story was wearing the virtual reality glasses and Cpl. Hudson controlled the scenario using a tablet computer. He passed the tablet around so PAC members could see what Cpl. Story was seeing as he went through various scenarios where the officer had to decide if he should deploy his taser and where the taser darts landed, how long it took to react, etc. The scenario can be reviewed on the tablet. Fenwick Island and Ocean View purchased the Simulator package together and welcome the other local departments to use the equipment. Ocean View hosted Simulator training for PAC members last year and Ms. Weaver suggested having another Simulator training.

## **7. REPORT OF BYLAW REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Ms. Weaver, Mr. Klima, and Mr. Smith agreed after the last meeting to look at the bylaws and offer suggestions. Ms. Weaver submitted some suggestions to the other members before the meeting, but the committee did not meet. Mr. Klima was not in attendance and Mr. Smith has resigned from the PAC. No formal recommendations currently. This will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

## **8. OPEN DISCUSSION FROM POLICE CHIEFS**

Chief Disciullo had several things he wanted to discuss.

- He presented a traffic ordinance proposal to his town council He said his department wrote tickets totaling between \$300,000- \$350,00 in fines and received only \$110,000 of that so 80% went to the state of Delaware.
- Dagsboro Police Department achieved state accreditation last month.
- An I.C.E. protest is tentatively scheduled for March 1<sup>st</sup> in the town limits, stemming from Indian River High School. D.I.A.C. (Delaware Information & Analysis Center) will complete a threat assessment.
- Dagsboro has signed a contract with Jobs for Blue to handle off-duty officer scheduling for construction jobs. He said Jobs for Blue is the contact point for DELDOT jobs for the state. They have a nice app, handle billing, and charge the contractor directly. He encouraged the other departments in the PAC to sign up in their contract for backup. Ms. Weaver said the Chamber also uses Jobs for Blue to hire for their events.
- An M.O.U. has been drafted for the Sussex County Municipal Collision Reconstruction Unit (S.M.C.R.U.). Chief Disciullo is meeting with the Chiefs next week and would like to speak more about this at the next PAC meeting.

## 9. OPEN DISCUSSION FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairperson Driver invited Frankford attendees to introduce themselves. Chief Kevin Smith, Town Manager, Mr. Sheldon Hudson, PAC members, Mr. Philip Hartmeyer and Mr. Charles Shelton spoke briefly about their backgrounds and the other PAC members introduced themselves.

Ms. Weaver mentioned the Chamber will be celebrating First Responders on February 20<sup>th</sup> at the Joshua M. Freeman First Responder Awards.

Chairperson Driver attended a meeting of the ministerium last week which was attended by ministers from all the jurisdictions in the PAC. She found the meeting interesting and suggested members of the PAC might want to attend a meeting.

## 10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Thursday, May 14, 2026, 1 PM, at the Bethany-Fenwick Area Chamber of Commerce, 33370 Main St, Dagsboro, DE.

## 11. OTHER COMMENTS

Chairperson Driver mentioned that new PAC members have one year to complete 20 hours training. They should ask their Chiefs what training they can attend, do ride alongs, etc. Chief Speake mentioned PAC members can attend their Spring seasonal training. Ms. Stiles asked if the state has said anything about ongoing training. Chairperson Driver said they haven't at this point, but she thinks they probably will. Chief Speake suggested ride alongs as a good way to get hours.

## 12. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ocean View resident, Ms. Margaret Reyes, asked if departments have non-compliance agreement with I.C.E. She asked if officers have had training after House Bill 182 passed. None of the Chiefs said they had a specific policy. Chief McLaughlin said they have a phone number for officers to call if they have any questions. He said they haven't seen any type of presence of I.C.E. in Ocean View in 25 years he has been there. She asked Selbyville Capt. Parsons if they have had any interactions with I.C.E. and he said they have not. Ms. Reyes mentioned an incident in Seaford and Chief McLaughlin said I.C.E. was in Seaford for something that had nothing to do with local police but I.C.E. asked for help when things got out of hand. He said that when another agency requests help, they help. They don't ask to see the warrant. Chairperson Driver said that if an agency comes in to assist, it is not their case, so they don't ask to see the warrant. All of the Chiefs said there is nothing going on with I.C.E. in their towns and most have never encountered I.C.E. Chief Lovins said the only contact South Bethany has had was last year after a DUI was processed and released, they received a fax from I.C.E. saying the subject had a federal detainer for deportation but the subject was already gone at that point. Ms. Reyes said she wanted the Chiefs to talk about this among themselves. Ms. Stiles suggested PAC members should research [House Bill 182](#) and talk about it with their Chiefs.

## 13. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Stiles made a motion to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded by Mr. Van Horn, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:51 PM.

*Respectfully submitted, Kendahl Hearn, SCSRPAC Administrative Assistant*

[Link to Meeting Video](#) (Passcode: i3y\*8mKA)



# SCSR- PAC Quarterly Meeting

# Police Department Stats

## 2024/ 2025

*February 12, 2026*

# Dagsboro Police Department

## 2024/ 2025 Stats



Dagsboro PD	2024	2025
Calls/ Complaints	788	700
Assist Other Agency	97	94
Percent of Total	12.3%	13.4%



## Dewey Beach Police Department

### CRIME REPORT

Dewey Beach PD	2024	2025
Calls/ Complaints	6467	6506
Assist Other Agency	N/A	289
Percent of Total	N/A	4.4%

	2025	2024
Calls for Service	6506	6467
Criminal Arrests	275	302
Traffic Citations	3320	2112
Traffic Enforcement Hours	4182.5	3269
Accidents	94	92
Parking	495	602
Civil Citations	295	239
DUI Arrests	37	15
Assist Other Agency	289	N/A



## Fenwick Island Police Department 2024/ 2025 Stats

Fenwick Island PD	2024	2025
Calls/ Complaints	739	658
Assist Other Agency	171	195
Percent of Total	23.1%	29.6%

### Fenwick Island Police Department- Assists 2025

- 2 - Outside Complaint (pulled numbers while outside our jurisdiction)
- 2 - Assist Selbyville PD
- 4 - Assist Bethany PD
- 17 - Assist South Bethany PD
- 5 - Assist Ocean View PD
- 34 - Assist Bethany Beach FD
- 1 - Assist D.A.T.E.
- 1 - Assist DelDot
- 2 - Assist DNREC
- 1 - Assist DSP Troop 3
- 114 - Assist DSP Troop 4
- 1 - Assist DSP Troop 5
- 1 - Assist Georgetown PD
- 1 - Assist M.E.R.R.
- 1 - Assist Milford PD
- 6 - Assist Ocean City PD
- 1 - Assist Rehobth Beach FD
- 1 - Assist Town Maintenance

A total of 195 assists in our complaint log for 2025.  
658 reported complaints



## Frankford Police Department 2024/ 2025 Stats

Frankford PD	2024	2025
LEISS Reports	105	75
Assist Other Agency	22	10
Percent of Total	21.0%	13.3%

### CRIME STATS FROM JAN 2024 to DEC 2025

180 LEISS Reports/32 assist other agency

105 LEISS Reports/22 assist other agency in 2024

75 LEISS Reports/10 assist other agency in 2025

#### 2024 (AOA complaints)

Selbyville PD – 3

DSP – 11 + 3 assists in Frankford town limits

Dagsboro PD – 5

#### 2025 (AOA complaints)

Selbyville PD – 2

DSP – 2 + 2 assist in our town limits

Dagsboro PD – 2

Georgetown PD – 1

Millsboro PD – 1 assist in our town limits



**Ocean View  
Police Department**

**2024/ 2025 Stats**

	2024	2025
Assist BBPD	35	24
Assist DSP 4	226	213
Assist DSP 5	3	0
Assist DSP 7	6	9
Assist Fire Dept	24	19
Assist Other Agency	64	67
Assist SBPD	8	18
Millville Incidents	47	42
<b>Total Responses Outside of Town:</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>392</b>

<b>Ocean View PD</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>
Calls/ Complaints	2582	2603
Assist Other Agency	413	392
<i>Percent of Total</i>	<i>16.0%</i>	<i>15.1%</i>

**Calls for Service**

Incident Type	2024	2025	Incident Type	2024	2025	Incident Type	2024	2025
911 Disconnect	9	10	DUI	39	14	Resisting Arrest	0	2
Animal Complaint	10	8	Found Property	18	37	Service Other	5	1
Assault	3	3	Fraud	23	16	Sexual Assault	0	0
Assist BBPD	35	24	Harassment	9	5	Shoplifting	2	2
Assist DSP 4	226	213	Investigation	8	8	Shots Fired	1	2
Assist DSP 5	3	0	Local Fugitive	56	53	SUSCOM Write Off	2	16
Assist DSP 7	6	9	Lost-Found	2	5	Susp Person	41	38
Assist Fire Dept	24	19	Medical Assist	78	91	Susp Vehicle	21	21
Assist Other Agency	64	67	Megan's Law Notification	1	1	Terr Threat	2	3
Assist SBPD	8	18	Mental Illness	2	5	Theft	19	10
Bicycle Violation	0	2	Misc Title 11	11	6	Theft - ID	0	0
Burglar Alarm	127	91	Misc Title 16	13	10	Title 16 (Civil)	2	2
Burglary	1	4	Misc Title 21	9	12	Town Ordinance	8	9
Business Check	597	659	Noise	6	13	Traffic Collision HR	18	9
Civil Other	7	9	Offensive Touching	7	2	Traffic Collision PD	47	45
Criminal Impersonation	0	0	Overdose	1	0	Traffic Collision PI	10	7
Criminal Mischief	7	4	OOS Fugitive	1	2	Traffic Hazard	26	18
Criminal Trespass	1	1	Parking	9	2	Traffic Other	46	61
Death Investigation	2	6	Public Assist	70	92	Transport to Hospital	4	2
Disabled Vehicle	15	10	Quick Stop	0	0	Trespass	0	1
Disorderly Conduct	9	3	Reckless Endangering	0	1	Underage Consumption / Poss	0	2
Domestic	21	35	Residence Check	361	352	Welfare Check	429	430
						<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2582</b>	<b>2603</b>



**Selbyville Police  
Department  
2024/ 2025 Stats**

<b>Selbyville PD</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>
Calls/ Complaints	3170	3407
Assist Other Agency	73	67
<i>Percent of Total</i>	<i>2.3%</i>	<i>2.0%</i>

2024 - SELBYVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT	
Number of Calls to Assist Other Agency:	
Assist DSP Troop 4	63 calls
Assist Frankford PD	2 calls
Assist Maryland State Police	2 calls
Assist Ocean City PD	1 call
Assist Ocean View PD	1 call
Assist Selbyville EMS	1 call
Assist Worcester County Sheriff's Office	3 calls
<b>Total</b>	<b>73 AOA's</b>
Number of Calls for 2024	
	3170

2025 - SELBYVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT	
Number of Calls to Assist Other Agency:	
Assist DSP Troop 4	61 calls
Assist Dorchester County	1 call
Assist Frankford PD	1 call
Assist Millsboro PD	2 calls
Assist Ocean View PD	1 call
Assist Maryland State Police	1 call
<b>Total</b>	<b>67 AOA</b>
Number of Calls for 2025	
	3407



## South Bethany Police Department

### 2024/ 2025 Stats

South Bethany PD	2024	2025
Calls/ Complaints	510	448
Assist Other Agency	115	152
Percent of Total	22.5%	33.9%

Total Calls for 2024 – 510  
 Total Calls for 2025 – 448

Total Assists for 2024 – 115  
 Total Assists for 2025 – 152

### South Bethany Police Department Assist Agencies Report

2024 – 2025

Agency	2024	2025
Artesian	0	1
Bethany Beach PD	20	13
Bethany Beach FD	14	12
Delaware State Police	35	55
DNREC	0	1
Fenwick Island	26	30
Frankford	0	2
Millville FD	0	1
Montgomery County	1	1
Ocean City, MD	0	1
Ocean View	19	34
Worcester County	0	1

SCSR-PAC Departments	2024			2025		
	CFS	AOA	%	CFS	AOA	%
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Dewey Beach PD	6467	N/A	N/A	6506	289	4.4%
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Ocean View PD	2582	413	16.0%	2603	392	15.1%
Selbyville PD	3170	73	2.3%	3407	67	2.0%
South Bethany PD	510	115	22.5%	448	152	33.9%



# PAC Training-

## **All of the PAC meetings this past year incorporated an hour of training for PAC members:**

- 5/8/25 Meeting- Executive Director Sean Moriarty gave a presentation explaining the functions of the State of Delaware Police Officer Standards and Training Commission
- 8/14/25 Meeting- Ocean View Police Department officers demonstrated “The Wrap” restraint system with a PAC member acting as the person in custody
- 11/13/25 Meeting- South Bethany Chief Lovins gave showed the Committee how PowerDMS is used in the accreditation process in place of paper files
- 2/12/26 Meeting- Fenwick Island Police Department officers demonstrated the virtual reality simulator with PAC members running through various scenarios

## **Other training/ events attended by PAC members included:**

- 5/13/25– Search & Seizure Training OVPD
- 9/20/25- Dewey Beach Community Day
- 10/25/25- Ocean View Cops & Goblins
- 4/1/26– Coffee with a Cop, Selbyville Library
- 4/11, 4/18, 4/19, 4/25, 4/26, 5/10, and 5/15/26– Dewey Beach Seasonal Academy (PAC members were invited to attend all or part of seven days of the seasonal academy)
- Police Department tours, Ride– Alongs, Community Meetings

# PAC Training-

All members of the Sussex County Southeast Regional Police Accountability Committee who have been on the committee more than one year have completed their required 20 hours of training.

## Sussex County Southeast Regional Police Accountability Committee

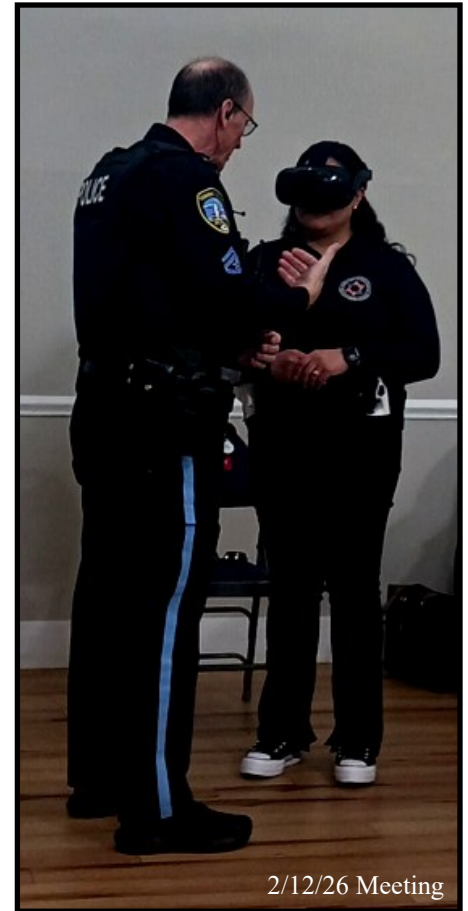
PAC Voting Members	Town	Start Date	Training Hours
Gayle Driver	Ocean View	4/24/2024	132.5
Lauren Weaver	Ocean View	4/24/2024	24.5
Rebecca Collison	Ocean View	11/13/2025	11
Claudia Rodgers	Dewey Beach	4/24/2024	28
Ed Klima	Dewey Beach	4/24/2024	23
Gregory Flynn	South Bethany	4/24/2024	24
Marlin Van Horn	South Bethany	11/13/2025	13
Denny Pridgeon	Fenwick Island	4/24/2024	24.5
Scott Mumford	Fenwick Island	4/24/2024	22.5
Holly Stiles	Dagsboro	11/14/2024	43.25
Tom Glenn	Dagsboro	11/14/2024	22
Diana Barrientos-Granados	Selbyville	2/13/2025	20
Philip Hartmeyer	Frankford	2/13/2026	1
Charles Shelton	Frankford	2/13/2026	1

20 Hours Completed

# Photos-

Fenwick Island Cpl. Story explains the virtual reality simulator to PAC member Diana Barrientos-Granados

Ocean View Sgt. Rhys Bradshaw & Sgt. Justin Hopkins demonstrate “The Wrap” on PAC member Greg Flynn while Admin Asst. Kendahl Hearn demonstrates the spit guard.



South Bethany Chief Lovins shows how PowerDMS is used to comply with Delaware Police Accreditation Commission (DPAC) standards.



# Photos-

PAC members answer questions from a member of the public.



Executive Director, Sean Moriarty presents information on the State of Delaware Police Officer Standards and Training Commission (POST).

