



# County of Fairfax, Virginia

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** December 1, 2022

**TO:** Police Civilian Review Panel (PCRP)

**FROM:** Steven Richardson  
Executive Director, Fairfax County Police Civilian Review Panel

**SUBJECT:** Executive Director's Report

### **Personnel Matters:**

I am pleased to announce that Board of Supervisors (BOS) Chairman, Jeff McKay, has agreed to filling the Panels Law Enforcement seat with Panel Member Ware, thereby leaving the vacant seat to be filled sooner, hopefully at next week's BOS meeting.

Panel Members Bryon Garner and Janell Wolfe will have their terms expire at the end of February. To be reappointed please address your request, in writing, to your respective Supervisor or to the Chairman's office, you may do so through this office.

### **A Successful Event!**

Our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Police Civilian Review Panel (PCRP)/Community Reception was a resounding success! In partnering with the Fairfax County Office of Neighborhood and Community Services we were able to bring out more than 100 individuals for our inaugural event! We have received feedback from a variety of community groups interested in hosting our future meetings and helping us with attendance. Additionally, our event has created enthusiasm with regards to opportunities to partner with other County agencies to build bridges between our Public Safety agencies and the community. We are also looking to engage the faith community in our outreach efforts and will be partnering with the County's Interfaith Coordinator towards that goal.

### **Training**

According to National Association of Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) Past President, Brian Corr, the Oversight Training held on November 12<sup>th</sup> went very well. I am told that those able to be in attendance were engaged in learning how to approach the awesome responsibility of Police Oversight and Review.

For our next training, we are working to bring back attorney, Marcia K. Thompson, Esq. in February for round two of her much-needed Team Building and Strategic Planning Training.

In addition, this office will be working with the Office of the Independent Police Auditor (OIPA) on a series of training modules for the Panel. The goal is to better equip the Panel to review Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) files by familiarizing participants with a more nuanced understanding of policing, the laws of arrests, patrol functions, etc. Creating this curriculum with further enhance our credibility with the community and with the Fairfax County Police Department (FCPD).

### **Outreach**

Tonight's meeting, at the James Lee Center, is yet another step in our outreach efforts. Thanks to our gracious host - Mr. Ron Moses and the incredible staff at the Center, Mrs. Carla Paredes-Gomez from Hispanics Against Child Abuse and Neglect (HACAN), Carolina Dotel, Parent Liaison at Falls Church High School and Mrs. Alma, from the James Lee Urbanites, we have members of the community in attendance this evening.

With the assistance of our esteemed Panelist Cheri Belkowitz, we are looking to secure the Jewish Community Center for our first meeting of the new year, to be held on January 5, 2023. We hope to have that confirmed and add it to the calendar shortly. As we foster relationships with other Boards, Authorities, and Commissions (BAC) and County agencies, and as we learn about events throughout the County we will be populating our Outreach Calendar starting in the New Year.