

The police presentation at the Public Safety meeting

The Bethlehem Gadfly Police August 12, 2020

 Latest in a series of posts about the Bethlehem Police 

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Chief DiLuzio

Police Documents

Chief Diluzio: The Chief said we shouldn't paint all police with the same broad brush, he pointed out the department uniqueness in regard to dual accreditations, affirmed the use of force guidelines in accord with the best practices available today, especially in the requirement to report and document all uses of force, he emphasized annual training in all aspects of the policy and cited the statistic that out of c. 13,000 arrest, force was used only c. 600 times, he stressed that use of force is determined by the resistance offered by the subject, he likes new legislation coming from the state and indicated changes in policy are made every year, the department's 154 members are "members of the community just like you," they participate in dozens of community functions: "I consider the Bethlehem Police Department and all its officers the best municipal police department in the state."

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Deputy Chief Meixell: the use of force policy is reviewed annually, he proved an outline of the policy, they recently made changes in regard to chokeholds and duty to intervene to clarify their current practice, he read some key sections of the policy.

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Professional Standards Captain (Dr.! Phd in Criminal Justice)

Kott: the captain took about a half-hour to walk through the many pages of statistics in the documents linked above. Follow with her by opening document #3 linked above.

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There you have the presentation by the police. Next we'll go into discussion of the presentation by each of the Council members.