Police Chief’s Departmental Review

• Chief Winstrom’s Departmental Policy and Procedure Review
  • Findings and recommendations to be presented publicly to City Commission on July 26
Public Safety Engagement Initiatives

• **Refugee and Immigrant Community Engagement**
  • Community listening session (May 1) in partnership with A Glimpse of Africa; heard questions and concerns
  • Follow-up (May 17) answered questions and provided info about board and commission opportunities
  • Pursuing additional opportunities for engagement, including with Congolese pastors specifically

• **SAFE Task Force**
  • SAFE gathering: listening session for community partners involved in violence prevention efforts
  • Organizing gun buyback; completing Pitch awardee projects; anticipating future Pitch night

• **Cure Violence GR**
  • Partnership with the Urban League; has provided housing and economic security wrap-around services
  • Focused community outreach and engagement
  • Interacting with at-risk individuals, including diffusing immediate conflicts
Public Safety Engagement Initiatives (continued)

• **Community-Informed Training**
  - Newly funded in FY2023 adopted budget
  - Will be co-created; topic areas may include, without limitation, cultural competency, understanding immigrant and refugee experiences, bias reduction, impacts of racism on building trust, and history of policing in America

• **Communitywide Engagement**
  - Pursuing partnership with National Civic League and NCL Fellows along with WMCAT/Public Agency to conduct a series of discussions around race and safety within each Ward this summer
    ○ Status update to be provided during July 12 Committee of the Whole or July 26 Public Safety Committee
  - OPA engagement efforts: Know Your Rights, Let’s Talk About It, T.R.U.E. Action, listening to community including strategic conversations with community leaders
  - GRPD engagement efforts: Police Chief’s Advisory Team, Clergy on Patrol, Explorers, Boys & Girls Club, OnBase, numerous meetings including faith leaders, refugee community, LINC Up, Grand Rapids Housing Commission, Business Leaders, Alpact)
Public Safety Reform Initiatives

- **Oversight and Public Accountability Enhancements**
  - FY2023 adopted budget transferred administration of body-worn camera contract from GRPD to OPA
  - Awarded $600,000 Federal Earmark to Support Cure Violence
  - $150,000 increase to focus on engagement with community regarding public safety – including intentional engagement with immigrant and refugee communities
  - $100,000 in funding to support the implementation of trainings to be co-created with community
  - Secured a $750,000 grant from W. F. Kellogg to help expand OPA’s capacity to increase accountability and transparency over three years
  - Secured a Harvard-Bloomberg Fellow to help implement traffic stop studies, reimagine CAB and complete statistical reviews of public safety data and increased funding to support restorative justice programming
  - Currently hiring a Lead Investigative Specialist, Executive Assistant, 2 - Justice Analyst, a Community Affairs/Engagement Analyst (temp), and an Administrative Aide (temp) to maintain services
• **State and Federal Legislative Advocacy**
  • Priority agenda includes support for proposed George Floyd Justice in Policing Act (federal)
  • State public safety reform package includes proposed legislation that substantially overlaps with the George Floyd Act

• **Public Safety Committee and Community Relations Commission Briefings**
  • Chief Winstrom to present at Community Relations Commission on July 14
  • Monthly presentations to Public Safety Committee, including status of engagement and reform initiatives, will continue

• **Aspen Institute / Justice and Governance Partnership – Public Agency at WMCAT**
  • Briefing June 21 (today)
  • Purpose is to improve the analytical capacity to support justice policy improvements in the community
  • Cross-sector planning workgroup represents a broad cross-section of stakeholders
THANK YOU