



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
3601 NORTH DUPONT HIGHWAY
NEW CASTLE, DE 19720

“PUBLIC SAFETY ONE”

February 5, 2026

10:00 am

EOC/FUSION ROOM AND VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING**

NEW CASTLE COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING
3601 NORTH DUPONT HIGHWAY
NEW CASTLE, DELAWARE 19720

MEETING MINUTES

A. OPENING WELCOME

- a. Meeting began at 10:00 am. Director Elmer Setting welcomed everyone. Due to a time sensitive situation, New Castle County Department of Police will be presenting first. Agenda will then be followed as printed.

B. PRESENTATIONS

a. New Castle County Department of Police (NCCPD)

i. Professional Development (Captain Guzevich)

1. 409 assigned/369 sworn officers/40 recruits in Academy
2. Graduation for the 54th Academy: March 26, 2026

ii. Administrative (Captain Smith and Lt. Browne)

1. CALEA Accreditation: 2025 review completed in December – passed without incident.

iii. Technology and Budget (Captain Snyder)

1. RTIC/Axon

- a. 4 handled drones and 12 docking stations delivered along with 465 Body Worn Cameras/Tasers and 25 Fleet in car cameras
- b. Deployment schedule being worked out – weather delay

iv. Patrol Division (Captain Herring)

1. Officer initiated or dispatched Firearm Arrests

- i. 15 since December 2025 – more than one loaded and/or

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- with magazine in close proximity
- 2. Highlight: License Plate Readers (LPR) cases
 - a. Peoples Plaza area: LPR hit for car wanted in an armed NJ home invasion with restrained victims – 3 suspects detained and car seized for processing
 - b. Boxwood Rd: hit for stolen car in DSP tobacco shop burglary. Unsuccessful pursuit – car later located and suspect detained for the burglary
 - c. Philadelphia Pike: hit for stolen car – 4 suspects detained
- 3. Highlight: Canine Unit
 - a. Digati/Fiasco
 - i. Vehicle pursuit and apprehension adding PSP 95/Marsh Rd
 - ii. Located a suicidal subject
 - b. Carter/Nuke
 - i. assisted SWAT in locating/apprehending barricaded suspect
 - ii. assisted DNREC with locating a firearm
 - c. Middendorf/Atlas
 - i. Tracked stolen car for DSP, leading to suspect's apartment
- 4. Yearly Patrol Comparison 2024/2025
 - a. Criminal charges/traffic citations and warnings/reported incidents – all have noticeably
 - i. Crim prevention checks decreased
- v. **Investigative Services (Captain Bradshaw with Lts. Burke and Polk)**
 - 1. **Criminal Investigations Unit**
 - a. Yearly Criminal Investigations comparison 2024-2025:
 - i. Robbery/Burglary/Auto theft incident decreased
 - 1. Homicides increased
 - 2. Child death remained the same
 - ii. Clearance rates fluctuate for the above
 - b. Notable Achievements
 - i. Created protocol for collecting DNA from spent shell casings
 - ii. Expanded use of Crime Analysis Squad in investigations
 - iii. Partnered with DE Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force to increase the number of Child Sexual Abuse Material investigations.
 - iv. Increased Auto Theft Detectives
 - v. Updated crime scene technology w new Laser Scanner
 - 2. **Property Squad**
 - a. Highlight: Multiple Thefts of Motor Vehicles/Contents in Motor

Vehicles – investigation uncovered a suspect posting stolen vehicles on social media. Account holder ID'ed and linked him to 20 stolen cars throughout DE/MD/PA

3. Special Victims Squad

- a. Highlight: Convicted Sex Offender under Probation/Parole Supervision – routine Admin Search revealed letters threatening to kill/dismember the initial reporters of the crime(s)/judge/defense attorney. Investigation revealed suspect had researched addresses for same and had driven past the reporter's house multiple times. Search of his storage facility revealed firearms and prohibited electronic devices. Resulting in an arrest for multiple felonies.

4. Special Investigation Units (SIU)

- a. ACCTT/DHIT/VCIT began May 26, 2025
- b. Stats May 2025- December 2025
 - i. 244 arrests/52 firearms seized/over 70,000gms of illegal drugs/over \$50,000. seized

5. Fugitive Apprehension and Surveillance Team (FAST)

- a. Apprehended 91 wanted persons

6. Human Trafficking (DHIT)

- a. 5 month investigation into Wellness Tui-Na Spa
 - i. Search Warrant led to arrest with multiple Felony Charges

7. Violent Crime Interdiction Team (VCIT)

- a. Investigation into cocaine dealer prompted Search Warrant which led to seizing 10gm crack and loaded handgun. Arrest made for several felonies.

8. Active Crime Trends Team (ACTT)

- a. Highlight: Route 9 vehicle stop leading to a motor vehicle search where a handgun and half a kilo of MJ packaged for sale was located. Further search warrants recovered more handguns. Multiple felony charges.

vi. Operations Support (Captain Rogers with Lt. Knorr)

1. Traffic Division

- a. Staff
 - i. 5 officers/1 Sergeant
- b. Motor Vehicle Responses
 - i. 4 Fatal Crashes/ 11 Departmental Crashes/15 Personal Injury Crashes and 2 Property Damage Crashes
- c. Speed Cameras Milltown/McKennans Church begin warnings mid-March and live mid-April

2. Mounted Unit

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- a. Equestrian Academy for potential officers moved back to Fall 2026 due to construction at Carousel. Possibly Spring if can coordinate.
- b. Review of saddles shows all are functioning safely however most are at end of life status. Goal is to purchase 1 new one/year with current funding options.
- c. Mount Warden to be retired February 6
- d. Search still on for 3 new Clydesdales in 2026

3. Behavioral Health Unit (BHU)

- a. Year to Date:
 - i. 999 Mental Health Referrals
 - ii. 17 Hero Help Participants
 - iii. 739 Non-fatal Overdose Outreach
- b. Working to add a 4th BHU team so that each NCCPD Squad will have a team on shift with them – working to partner with Christiana care for additional funding
- c. Effectiveness:
 - i. 2044 persons contacted
 - ii. 3.7 less fatal overdoses/mth (44.4 persons yearly) and 5 less non-fatals/mth

4. Crisis Management Group

- a. Year to Date:
 - i. Active 127 times
 - ii. 14 barricade situations
 - iii. 34 no notice call outs

5. Community Services

- a. Community Events
 - i. Youth Academy begins February 5 and runs every Thursday until June.
 - ii. Citizens Academy set to begin most likely March 19 and runs through mid-May.
 - iii. Thank you for FOP for sponsoring basketball uniforms for PAL Center children

b. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) - Chief Mark Logemann (Asst. Chief Kelli Starr-Leach)

- i. Year End totals:
 - 1. 41,119 call volume to date this year (up 2.8% from 2024)
 - 2. Weekly average: 785 calls
 - 3. Daily Average: 112
- ii. Community Outreach – Lorrie Williams began overseeing in 2022
 - 1. Vial of Life – program to aid citizens in organizing their medical information and directives into one place for responders to find

(refrigerator) should person be unable to speak for themselves

2. Hands Only CPR – teaches how to perform lifesaving CPR (chest compressions) until first responders can arrive
 - a. 27 events in 2025/572 participants
 - b. Utstein Survivor Report standard is a 28.5% success rate. NCC EMS is 51.7%
 3. Attend a majority of the Community requests for interaction
 - a. 50 Health and Resource Fairs in 2025
 - b. 27 Child events (touch a truck/trunk or treat/safety career day
 - c. 14 high school and college recruitment fairs
 4. Participate in Public Sponsored events – Rock your Socks/Turkeython/TrunkorTreat
 - a. Rock Your Socks Participation is week of March 17, 2026.
Director grants permission for officers to wear colorful socks in honor of World Down Syndrome Day
 5. Pulsepoint App – allows those trained in CPR to come to the aid of active situations
- iii. Snow Response
1. Additional units (M10 and M11)
 2. DSP medic unit grounded due to snow – additional sergeant was on duty with access to whole blood
 3. Neighborhoods very difficult to navigate and many sidewalks/front porches were problematic too
 - a. 142 calls on the Monday of the storm with some fatalities due to the cold temperatures/snow shoveling
 4. State of Emergency was helpful to first responders.

c. Emergency Communications (911) – (Asst. Chief Dunkelberger for Chief Holden)

- i. Totals for staffing and calls for Public Safety Operators (PSO)
 1. Through January 2026
 - a. 36 authorized/26 filled/8 in hiring process/2 in training
 - b. 9,696 hours of required overtime for 2025
 - c. 388,540 calls processed (4.73% increase over 2024)
- ii. Totals for staffing and calls for RECOM
 1. Through January 2026
 - a. 28 authorized/19 filled/1 vacancy/2 in hiring process/ 6 in training
 - b. 69,799 calls processed in 2025 (1% decrease from 2024)
 - c. 230,534 Case numbers assigned in 2025 (up from 2024)
 - d. 7,695 hours of required overtime YTD (for 2025)
- iii. Totals for staffing and calls for Fireboard
 1. Through January 2026
 - a. 28 authorized/23 filled/2 in hiring process/1 vacancy/2 in training

- b. 14,038 hours of required overtime for 2025
 - c. 116,157 calls processed in 2025 (4% increase from 2024)
 - d. 175,992 cases assigned (Fire/EMS) - increase of almost 4% over 2024
- iv. Totals for all of Emergency Communications through December 31, 2025:
- 1. Total Overtime worked: 31,429 hrs
 - 2. Total of 3 vacancies
 - 3. 574,496 calls processed
 - 4. 230,534 Police cases assigned
 - 5. 175,992 Fire/Medical cases assigned
- v. Hiring Updates
- 1. RECOM/Fireboard
 - a. 4 positions in the hiring process
 - b. 3 positions unfilled – lists have expired/future testing to be held
 - 2. Public Safety Operators
 - a. 26 filled/2 in training/7 in hiring process/1 position
- vi. Quality Assurance Office (Snyder)
- 1. Increase in EMD Monthly submissions (177 to 186) (accreditation requires minimum of 177/mth)
 - 2. EFD remains at 52 (accreditation requires minimum of 52/mth)
 - 3. New monitors in dispatch/firewall upgrade
- vii. Training Coordinator Yvette Price
- 1. Overseeing Certification Process for 10 trainees and evaluating their progress (EMD/EFD/EPD/DELJIS/CJIS)
 - 2. New Hires – helping 11 new people navigate the hiring process/onboarding etc
 - 3. Working on a Partnership with NCCVT School Board for APCO training classes for students and introduction to Emergency Communications work
- viii. Intercept Zero
- 1. Yvette Price, Training Coordinator was appointed the new project manager for the Quiet Room. New items for the room were purchased and installed.
 - a. McLaughlin (NCCPD BHU) volunteers part time with the program since July 2025.
 - i. 16 calls for service – 87.5% success rate
 - b. 2 calls returned to data center for officer dispatch
 - c. Newest hired advocates began taking call in October
 - i. Ford: 63 calls/30 returned for officer dispatch – 52.4% success rate
 - ii. Honore-Parker: 39 calls/14 returned – 64.1% success rate
- d. **Office of Emergency Management (OEM) – (Coordinator Hodgden/Kristin Welch)**
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- i. Training Exercises and Protective Plans for Community
 1. CERE Event (Community Emergency Response Team) Residents taught/hands on training on ways to protect themselves: fire extinguishers, applying tourniquets, fire safety, first aid etc.
 - a. March 7th and 14th – Newark Senior Center (all day events)
 2. Weekly Weather Update Newsletter
 - a. Every Monday emailed summary of week's weather forecasts, expectations, safety steps and resources
- ii. OEM Countywide Prevention
 1. Countywide review with Colonial Pipeline
 2. CPR training for NCC employees
 3. Participated in City of Wilmington's OEM Operation Eagle Resiliency Exercise. Our OEM members acted as controllers/evaluators
- iii. OEM Incident Responses
 1. On-scene operations assistance at DMV and witness coordination at HQ during Trooper Snook's event
 2. EOC command center for Winter storm of January 2026
 - a. 219 cots delivered to Medics, Carousel Stables, Public Works, Friendship House shelter and Nemours Children's Hosp for overnight staff
 - b. Assisted Nat'l Guard 13 times as they attempted to aid NCC emergency vehicles
 - c. Transported 911 operators to work to ensure continuity of Emergency call lines
 - d. Held 8 weather briefings
 - e. Arranged a critical salt delivery for neighboring jurisdiction
 3. Concord Trace Townhomes Barricade Incident
 - a. Arranged to relocate residents of the affected area to the Bear Library until the danger threat was contained and it was safe to return
- iv. Future Plans
 1. Leadership of the New Castle County Local Emergency Planning Committee, formerly held by Hazardous Materials Counsel – this committee is under the umbrella of State Emergency Response Commission – thus fulfilling the requirements of the Emergency Planning & Community Right to Know Act
 - a. Goals
 - i. Emergency Response Assessments for all facilities using highly hazardous materials
 - ii. Update Facility Risk Zone and Prevention steps
 - iii. Annual Response Plan reviews
 - iv. Increase and strengthen training for hazardous materials

- e. **Project SEED – Community Services (Gerard Tatum with George Corbin)***
 - i. Unable to present due to scheduling issue. Will commence with the March 5, 2026 meeting.
 - ii.
- C. OTHER BUSINESS (as needed)**
 - a. None.
- D. COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEAM COMMENT*****
 - a. None
- E. COUNTY COUNCIL COMMENTS*****
 - a. None
- F. PUBLIC COMMENT AND QUESTIONS**
 - a. None
- G. CLOSING COMMENTS and ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING**
 - a. Director Setting thanked everyone for coming and for their tireless efforts. Praised Public Safety for not only responding as needed (immediate and ongoing) to the death of Trooper Snook but to the degree of excellence by which they did it. NCC Public Safety stepped in to assist Delaware State Police and to cover their jurisdictions and responsibilities so they could honor and mourn as they deserved. The teamwork of Col. Leonard and Col. Crotty is commendable and deserves to be highlighted.
 - b. Next meeting to be held March 5, 2026 at 10:00am in the EOC/FUSION Center
- H. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting ended 10:44am**