

Date of CRB Meeting: 10/25/2021

Absent (at start of meeting): Carter, Jenkins, Smith, Johnson, Wingate

Cases CRB decided today to investigate:

Subcommittee has not met. What will it take for the Subcommittee to meet?

There was a discussion about setting guidelines for the committee to meet prior to the next meeting.

Ideas:

Possibly 2 weeks after being assigned to a subcommittee.

It would be easier if the subcommittee reviewed cases together at the police station.

Crouse- there are a few things that stuck out to me (sensitive things).

There were certain protocols not followed in this case. There were big inconsistencies.

Theres an additional follow up saying why didnt they follow the orders. There seem to be mishandling of files. I dont want to advise others without them viewing.

Hamm - He has specific recommendations that should be discussed. He thought that the investigation was thorough and questioned the officers of what procedures they didnt follow. The officers were given time to speak but told the facts and what procedures they didnt follow. He felt it was absolutely clear. Did this guy get different treatment because he was a NH Firefighter. This is a very serious case and we have time to weigh in on it while we have time. It is possible that members of this board will weigh in on serious discipline. I think we should meet on this tomorrow or the next day.

Faucet - This is the first one that every officer screwed up. I dont know if it is this one thing or a combination of all the officers being new. A mistake that led to what led to it in the end maybe. I hope the people will take the time to go there and view these cases so they can see how the officers are handling things.

Jenkins - after reviewing they did not follow protocol. I dont think not following protocol caused the firefighter to do what he did. IA said it is up to the chief not IA. It was clear missteps but they did call a supervisor to ask what they should do. The sargent was called whoever was on call and they told them to do what they did because they made a phone call to check with their supervisor. They need to be retrained. They let things go to the left because he was a Firefighter.

Rivera-Berrios - individuals who view after today should email their recommendations to the Department

IA report:

21C-060 (unfounded) -

Based on body camera and 2 reports they determined that he was appropriately detained.
Closed on October 5, 2021

21C-055 (unfounded) -

July 25th received

Against Office Carfora

Determined that it was deemed appropriate and case was closed on October 11, 2021.

21C-032 (exonerated) -

April 5, 2021 received

Contact was tried but to no avail. It was determined officers actions lawful and proper.

Exonerated and sent on October 19, 2021.

21I-041: they asked us if we have any recommendations for discipline.

Rivera-Berrios: asked about the deadline for submitting the recommendation to the chief.

We were asked to submit by the end of this week or mid next week (week of 11/1). The contract has a timeline that for when recommendations need to be submitted.

90 day period to close a case from the start of opening. They can request an extension but prefer not to.

Crouse: is reopening a case outside of Police Contract?

It appears that this may cause an issue with the contract.

Avshalom-Smith: "I only wish that the same promptness was honored for the requirements was honored for the requirements listed in the New Haven Ordinance which requires cases to be sent to the CRB in 5 days and requires that complaints be examined in parallel with IA."

All cases are received within 5 days and placed in the google drive. Members have to review them when received since we only meet once per month.

81 cases this year so far

Summary on Previous Cases:

June, August and September minutes have not been received. Told they are not ready yet and we will pass over that right now.

Important notes:

21I-041: Voted to move forward with recommendations on the case

21I-010

Hamm - doesnt think discipline should be made

Richardson- did not review

Pescatore -

Ross-Lee - Did not review.

a lot of talk has been done about officers they spent and this is irrelevant and clearly there was something going on with this guy and they should have called someone else. It seemed like the initial officer came in agitated. It seemed like they grabbed him when he was walking out. I dont understand why they had to hit him. Just because it is policy doesnt mean its right. I believe there was aggression in this case that was not necessary.

Jenkins - did not review. Concerned that pepper spray was used after the punches. The dept should use the least restrictive methods. It doesnt seem like punching is the least restrictive over pepper spray.

Training:

Zoom training that occurred on Saturday went well. Part II is on October 30th and will begin at 8AM. Zoom link will be sent out.

Not all Members completed all the trainings.

Unfinished business:

-Several members who did not register for training were indicated

-Saturdays training went smooth this Saturday is our next training

-Back logged cases - We will need to talk with Corp Counsel about the cases the Dept already made recommendations on. We all agreed to review all of these cases. Only 6 responses received.

-Member responsibilities - will we meet twice a month or what will we do to make this run smoother

-Overview on how Subcommittees should be conducted will be sent out

Follow up needed:

Person

What is to be done

Emma Jones -Provide minutes for June, August, September and October

Emma Jones -Meet with Committee about their concerns

All members -Meet before the 28th (Wednesday at 7PM - 8:00PM)

Subcommittee -All Subcommittee members will meet to review cases and prepare a report to submit to the rest of the board in time for the next meeting.

All Members -Review case 21I-041,Chief will be making recommendations on and email discipline recommendations prior to this Friday at 5PM.

Secretary, Chair, Vice Chair, Lt, Cpt - An email will be sent out on the 20th of every month with all necessary information in hopes that helps to give everyone time to review in time for our monthly meeting

Steve Will finish revisions for subcommittee procedures and will send it around to everyone.