



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Board of Police Commissioners  
**FROM:** Linda Bernard, Esq., Chairperson Policy Committee  
**DATE:** July 23, 2024  
**RE:** Policy Committee Meeting Memo

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Board of Police Commissioners Policy Committee, please see the key updates from the committee meeting held on July 23, 2024:

**Board Attendees:** Committee Chairperson Linda Bernard, Commissioner Darryl Woods

**Community/Committee Attendees:** Acting Secretary Robert Brown, Jasmin Taylor – Administrative Assistant, Teresa Blossom – Community Relations Coordinator, Commander Ryan Connor – Organized Crime

- **(Approved) Specs Report., Skydio Unmanned Aerial System:** On July 23, 2024, Commissioner Bernard reviewed and discussed key points within the specification report that required further clarification with the committee. As a result, the report's review and discussion have been postponed to the Policy Committee Meeting on August 6, 2024.
- **278 – Specification Report Surveillance Van:** Commander Connor attended the meeting to provide further insight and address the committee's concerns regarding the report. He clarified that the technology on the van would be located only on the front corners and that the listening devices would have a limited range of four feet. These devices are intended solely to enhance the safety of officers inside and outside the van. He emphasized that listening devices are used strictly for safety purposes, and using them to listen to private conversations would require a warrant. Following this clarification, the committee unanimously agreed to move the policy forward to the full board for approval.
- **201.1 Patrol Policy:** Commissioner Bernard reviewed and discussed key points within the specification report. Following the discussion of the report, the committee unanimously agreed to move the policy out of committee to the full board for approval.

- A concern was raised regarding the legibility and aesthetic appeal of the grey identification lettering on patrol cars, specifically questioning whether the lettering will be updated to yellow to enhance visibility. Commander Connor assured the committee that he would relay this concern to the Chief for further insight.
- **304.5 Training Policy:** Postponed for review to the Policy Committee Meeting on August 6, 2024.
- **Department Manual Directive 403.5 Drug and Alcohol Abuse by Department Personnel:** Postponed for review to the Policy Committee Meeting on August 6, 2024.

The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for August 6, 2024 at 5pm.

Sincerely,

Atty. Linda D. Bernard, J.D.L.L.M,  
Commissioner, District 2  
Chairperson, BOPC Policy Committee