



CIVILIAN POLICE REVIEW BOARD

June 10th, 2025

MEETING MINUTES

CIVILIAN POLICE REVIEW BOARD MEMBERS

Billy Sharp, Chair
Brandon Brown, Vice Chair
Diana Cyganovich
David Gatian
Sherall Hardy
Glenn Parker III

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Art Bowker, Investigator
Adam Eisen, Investigator
LJ Green, Investigator
Hamza Khabir, Investigator
Tammi Lampkin, Investigator
James Ouk, Investigator
Joseph Szymanski, Investigator

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES

Lillian Hall, Asst. Director of Law

MEETING AGENDA

- I. **Call to Order** Brandon Brown, Vice Chair
 - A. Roll Call- There was an excused absence for Member Mountcastle. There was an unexcused absence for Member Miller.
- II. **Approval of Minutes** Brandon Brown, Vice Chair
 - A. There was a Motion to approve the May 13th meeting minutes made by Member Cyganovich. The motion was seconded by Member Hardy.
- III. **Public Comment**
 - A. No Public Comment
- IV. **Training Session**
 - A. WCS Training **Sgt. John Ball** - Mobile Support Unit
Commander Ian Mussell

Sgt. Ball and Commander Mussell led an informative training session on the Wearable Camera System (WCS). This session expertly covered key topics, including battery life, various models



and functions, as well as the General Police Orders (GPO) that dictate when these devices must be activated.

V. **Presentation of Investigations**

Kristen Traxler
Interim Administrator

OPS2024-0130

Complainant: Anonymous

Presented by: Art Bowker

P.O. Demetrius Woods, #2127

Allegation A: Improper Procedure (GPO 4.01.01)

Allegation B: Improper Procedure (GPO 4.06.04)

Allegation C: Improper Procedure (GPO 4.06.01)

Allegation D: Unprofessional Behavior (Manual of Rules 5.01 & GPO 1.01.03)

Allegation E: Improper Procedure (GPO 8.1.01)

Case Summary: On June 14, 2024, the Ohio Police Service (OPS) received an email from an anonymous complainant. The complaint alleged that on June 13, 2024, Officer Woods had engaged in unprofessional conduct by activating the emergency lights to navigate through an intersection while transporting Mayor Justin Bibb. This action was claimed to be a violation of Ohio traffic laws and resulted in a motor vehicle accident that harmed a young woman and her one-year-old son. During the investigation, additional violations were discovered. However, upon completion of the investigation, no evidence was found to support the claims regarding a woman or a baby being harmed.

Case Findings:

P.O. Demetrius Woods, #2127

Allegation A: Improper Procedure (GPO 4.01.01 and Manual Rules 2.01, 5.01, 6.03)

OPS Recommendation: Sustained

CPRB Recommendation: Sustained – Based on the preponderance of the evidence to include investigator reports, witness statements, Officer Statements, General Police Orders and Manual Rules, supports a finding that the alleged conduct occurred. P.O. Woods failed to adhere to the Manual of Rules for the Conduct and Discipline of Employees of the Cleveland Division of Police (Manual 2.01), Violating traffic laws and section 6.03, Failure to cooperate a police vehicle in a safe and lawful manner. Under Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 4511.03, P.O. Woods was not authorized to enter an intersection with a red light as he was not responding to an emergency. GPO 4.01.01 (Emergency Response Driving) requires officers not only comply with ORC 4511.03 but also, not engage in emergency driving with non-police personnel, unless for their protection and when engaged in emergency driving



officers are required to activate not only emergency lights but also an audible siren. P.O. Woods was transporting Mayor Bibb, who is a non-police personnel, and was on his way to a meeting, into an intersection against a red light signal. This is not permitted under GPO 4.01.01. Additionally, P.O. Woods acknowledged in his Form 1 and his interview with OPS he did not activate his sirens, which is a requirement under GPO 4.01.01.

Motion: Brandon Brown

Second: Diana Cyganovich

Motion: Carried

Vice Chair Brandon Brown made a motion to make this a Group Level 1 Violation (Preventable MVA). The motion was seconded by Member Sherall Hardy.

P.O. Demetrius Woods, #2127

Allegation B: Improper Procedure (GPO 4.06.04)

OPS Recommendation: Sustained

CPRB Recommendation: Sustained- Based on the preponderance of the evidence to include CDP District/Bureau Report, IAU Unit report, and GPO 4.06.04 supports a finding that P.O. Woods did not have his WCS unit on his person. During his interview with OPS, P.O. Woods noted he is not required to wear his WCS as a plain clothes officer. GPO 4.06.04 provides an exception to WCS usage by “Undercover” Officers attired in civilian clothing, lacking police insignia and equipment and performing duties in which recognition of such person as a law enforcement officer would jeopardize their personal safety and/or current or future investigations.” The language in GPO 4.06.04 specifically excluding undercover officers does not apply to P.O. Woods as he is not working in the undercover capacity. He is a plain clothed officer protecting the Mayor.

Motion: Dave Gatian

Second: Diana Cyganovich

Motion: Carried

Member Gatian made a motion to make this a Group Level 1 Violation (WCS Improper Usage). The motion was seconded by Member Cyganovich.

P.O. Demetrius Woods, #2127

Allegation C: Improper Procedure (GPO 4.06.01 and 4.08.07)

OPS Recommendation: Sustained

CPRB Recommendation: Sustained- Based on the preponderance of the evidence to include CDP District/Bureau Report, IAU Unit report, and GPO 4.06.01 supports a finding that P.O. Woods did not have his department issued body armor on at the time of the



accident. During his interview with OPS, P.O. Woods noted he is not required to wear his body armor as a plain clothes officer. GPO 4.06.01 provides the following exception: “Officers involved in a plain clothes or undercover operation when an immediate supervisor concurs that wearing body armor could compromise the officer’s duties.” Although P.O. Woods was in plain clothes, he is not involved in undercover work. GPO 4.08.07 more specifically reflects on-duty officers in plain clothes shall if assigned to duties that have the potential to place them in harm’s way, wear their Division-issued body armor. Again, P.O. Woods’ assigned duty of protecting Mayor Bibb could potentially place him in harm’s way. GPO 4.08.07 provides that officers shall be exempt with supervisor approval if the use of body armor would prevent their execution of a task, such as in an undercover role.

Motion: Sherall Hardy

Second: Brandon Brown

Motion: Carried

Member Hardy made a Motion to make this a Group Level 1 Violation (Body Armor). The motion was seconded by Member Cyganovich.

P.O. Demetrius Woods, #2127

Allegation D: Unprofessional Behavior/ Conduct (Manual of Rules 5.01 & GPO 1.01.03)

OPS Recommendation: Unfounded

CPRB Recommendation: Unfounded- Based on the preponderance of the evidence to include the CDP reports and records and an OPS interview of the officer, reflect he did not make false statements concerning the incident on or about June 13, 2024, or otherwise conduct himself in violation of Manual Rule 5.01 and GPO 1.01.03.

Motion: Sherall Hardy

Second: Brandon Brown

Motion: Carried

P.O. Demetrius Woods, #2127

Allegation E: Improper Procedure (GPO 8.1.01)

OPS Recommendation: Sustained

CPRB Recommendation: Sustained- Based on the preponderance of the evidence to include the IAU report, CDP records, and an OPS interview with the officer, shows that he (P.O. Demetrius Woods) did not immediately file the EAC-1 Report and that violated GPO 8.1.01.

Motion: Dave Gatian



Second: Diana Cyganovich

Motion: Carried

Member Gatian made a Motion to make this a Group Level 1 Violation (Failure to report). The motion was seconded by Member Cyganovich.

OPS2022-0090

Complainant: Smith (Present)

Presented by: James Ouk

P.O. Tyeisha Sain, #438

Allegation A: Unprofessional Behavior/Conduct

P.O. Peter Sains, #497

Allegation A: Unprofessional Behavior/Conduct

Allegation B: Improper Procedure/ Conduct

Case Summary: Mr. Smith filed a complaint on P.O. Tyeisha Sain #438 and P.O. Peter Sains #497 alleging unprofessional behavior and an improper search after an incident that occurred on April 21, 2022. Mr. Smith stopped his truck in the street to film the Officers while they were in the middle of a call for service. When the Officers shouted for him to keep moving, Mr. Smith pulled off onto the sidewalk area of the road, exited his vehicle and crossed the street. Mr. Smith began to film the call for service on his cell phone. When approached by officers, he was asked to identify himself by showing identification. Mr. Smith does not willingly provide identification. P.O. Sains informs Mr. Smith that he will be detained and is placed in handcuffs. P.O. Sains then frisks the outside of Mr. Smith's jacket and then removes his wallet from his back pocket. Mr. Smith is then placed in the back of the squad car. P.O. Sains writes Mr. Smith a traffic and parking ticket and ask Mr. Smith for proof of auto insurance. Mr. Smith is unable to provide adequate proof of insurance and is advised to bring it to court with him. Mr. Smith's cell phone is placed on the passenger side dashboard. Mr. Smith's cell phone is not touched again until P.O. Sains returns it to him at the end of the stop. Mr. Smith is cited for traffic and parking violations and released. At no time is Mr. Smith mocked or made fun of by the officers. The officers searched Mr. Smith for a wallet due to him not identifying himself and being detained. The officers did not violate any CDP GPOs or any of the CDP Manual of Rules.

Case Findings:

P.O. Tyeisha Sain, #438

Allegation A: Unprofessional Behavior/Conduct

OPS Recommendation: Unfounded



CPRB Recommendation: Unfounded-Based on the preponderance of the evidence gathered thorough the investigation supports a finding that the alleged conduct did not occur.

Motion: Billy Sharp

Second: Diana Cyganovich

Opposed: Sherall Hardy

Motion: Carried

P.O. Peter Sains, #497

Allegation A: Unprofessional Behavior/Conduct

OPS Recommendation: Unfounded

CPRB Recommendation: Unfounded- Based on the preponderance of the evidence gathered thorough the investigation supports a finding that the alleged conduct did not occur.

Motion: Billy Sharp

Second: Diana Cyganovich

Opposed: Sherall Hardy

Motion: Carried

P.O. Peter Sains, #497

Allegation B: Improper Procedure: Search

OPS Recommendation: Exonerated

CPRB Recommendation: Exonerated-The preponderance of the evidence gathered throughout the investigation supports a finding that the alleged conduct occurred but the officers' actions were consistent with law, Cleveland Division of Police General Police Orders, training or procedures.

Motion: Billy Sharp

Second: Dave Gatian

Opposed: Sherall Hardy

Motion: Carried

VI. OPS Status Report

A. Vice Chair Brown made a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel, employment and discipline matters. The motion was seconded by Member Hardy.

VII. Adjournment

Billy Sharp, Chair

Motion: Dave Gatian

Second: Diana Cyganovich



Motion: Carried