



OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS
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CIVILIAN POLICE REVIEW BOARD

****ONLINE WEBEX MEETING****

Tuesday, February 8, 2022

MEETING AGENDA

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| I. CALL TO ORDER | Michael Hess, Chair |
| II. ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTIONS | |
| III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES | CPRB |
| IV. PUBLIC COMMENT | |
| V. CPRB INITIATED INVESTIGATION – VOTE ONLY | |
| VI. PRESENTATION OF INVESTIGATIONS | Henry Roney, Acting Administrator
OPS Investigative Staff |
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| VIII. OPS REPORT | Henry Roney, Acting Administrator |
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V: CPRB INITIATED INVESTIGATION – VOTE ONLY

COUNT	OPS#	COMPLAINANT	INVESTIGATOR	ALLEGATION	CPRB DISPOSITION
1	20-030	O'Toole	Funari	Improper Procedure	Dispatcher Randolph #124 Improper Procedure Recommendation: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____



VI: PRESENTATION OF INVESTIGATIONS

COUNT	OPS#	COMPLAINANT	INVESTIGATOR	ALLEGATION	CPRB DISPOSITION
1	19-131	Thomas	Wynne	Unprofessional Conduct	<p>P.O. Lipscomb #2430</p> <p>Unprofessional Conduct Recommendation: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____</p> <p>Sgt. Beitel #9014</p> <p>Unprofessional Conduct Recommendation: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____</p>
2	19-154	Alabsi	Williams-Bennett	Excessive Force Unprofessional Conduct	<p>P.O. Taylor #1090</p> <p>Excessive Force Recommendation: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____</p> <p>Unprofessional Conduct Recommendation: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____</p> <p>P.O. Sains #497</p> <p>Excessive Force Recommendation: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____</p> <p>Unprofessional Conduct Recommendation: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____</p>
3	19-172	Rhodes	Williams-Bennett	Improper Tow	<p>P.O. Hategan #1879</p> <p>Improper Tow Recommendation: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____</p>



4	19-194	Watson	Wynne	Unprofessional Conduct	<p>Det. Smith #882</p> <p>Unprofessional Conduct Recommendation: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____</p>
5	19-199	Hopper	Williams-Bennett	Harassment Lack of Service	<p>Cmdr. Johnson #6135</p> <p>Harassment Recommendation: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____</p> <p>Lack of Service Recommendation: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____</p>
6	20-085	McCree-Wilson	Hammons	Lack of Service Biased Policing	<p>P.O. Derry #2319</p> <p>Lack of Service Recommendation: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____</p> <p>P.O. Struhm #425</p> <p>Lack of Service Recommendation: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____</p> <p>P.O. Claudio #1563</p> <p>Lack of Service Recommendation: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____</p> <p>Biased Policing Recommendation: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____</p>



7	20-115	Boswell	Funari	Excessive Force Unprofessional Conduct No Report	P.O. Readinger #1328 Excessive Force Recommendation: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____ Unprofessional Conduct Recommendation: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____ No Report Recommendation: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____
8	20-131	Miller	Oliver	Lack of Service	P.O. Yuhus #2559 Lack of Service Recommendation: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____ P.O. Staskevich #942 Lack of Service Recommendation: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____
9	20-203	Gonzalez	Bowker	Lack of Service Unprofessional Conduct Harassment WCS Violation	P.O. Marquard #1760 Lack of Service Recommendation: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____ Unprofessional Conduct Recommendation: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____



9	20-203 (cnt'd)	Gonzalez	Bowker	Lack of Service Unprofessional Conduct Harassment WCS Violation	<p>P.O. Connole #1902</p> Harassment Recommendation: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____ <p>P.O. Collins #82</p> Harassment Recommendation: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____ WCS Violation Recommendation: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____
10	20-209	Jeffries	Hammons	Unprofessional Conduct Medical Assistance	<p>P.O. Valencic #2091</p> Unprofessional Conduct Recommendation: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____ Medical Assistance Recommendation: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____ <p>P.O. Johnson #201</p> Unprofessional Conduct Recommendation: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____ Medical Assistance Recommendation: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____



11	20-215	Boone	Wynne	Excessive Force	<p>P.O. Nezbeth #1850</p> <p>Excessive Force Recommendation: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____</p> <p>P.O. Pesta #981</p> <p>Excessive Force Recommendation: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____</p> <p>P.O. Ramey #2201</p> <p>Excessive Force Recommendation: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____</p> <p>P.O. Zagaria #2329</p> <p>Excessive Force Recommendation: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____</p>
12	20-255	Riggins	Delaney	Lack of Service Improper Procedure	<p>Det. McNeeley #2217</p> <p>Lack of Service Recommendation: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____</p> <p>Sgt. Ciritovic #9107</p> <p>Improper Procedure Recommendation: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____</p>



13	20-257	Wiley	Wynne	Lack of Service	<p>P.O. Brogan #491</p> <p>Lack of Service Recommendation: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____</p> <p>P.O. Riolo #2375</p> <p>Lack of Service Recommendation: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____</p>
14	21-053	Jackson	Hammons	<p>Unprofessional Conduct</p> <p>Improper Arrest</p> <p>Lack of Service</p> <p>Full Time and Attention</p>	<p>Det. Cunningham #1724</p> <p>Unprofessional Conduct Recommendation: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____</p> <p>Improper Arrest Recommendation: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____</p> <p>Lack of Service Recommendation: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____</p> <p>Full Time and Attention Recommendation: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____</p>



15	21-077	Hurley	Merritt	Unprofessional Conduct Improper Arrest Improper Search Improper Tow	<p>P.O. Sheehan #448</p> <p>Unprofessional Conduct Recommendation: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____</p> <p>Improper Arrest Recommendation: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____</p> <p>Improper Search Recommendation: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____</p> <p>Improper Tow Recommendation: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____</p> <p>P.O. Kovalak #2313</p> <p>Unprofessional Conduct Recommendation: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____</p> <p>Improper Arrest Recommendation: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____</p> <p>Improper Search Recommendation: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____</p> <p>Improper Tow Recommendation: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____</p>
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16	21-101	Barnes	Merritt	Lack of Service Improper Tow	<p>P.O. Blade #1129</p> <p>Lack of Service Recommendation: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____</p> <p>Improper Tow Recommendation: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____</p>
17	21-103	Hughes	Williams-Bennett	Unprofessional Conduct Harassment	<p>P.O. Midlik #453</p> <p>Unprofessional Conduct Recommendation: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____</p> <p>Harassment Recommendation: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____</p> <p>P.O. Bolivar #55</p> <p>Unprofessional Conduct Recommendation: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____</p> <p>Harassment Recommendation: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____</p>



18	21-141	Muniz	Williams-Bennett	Unprofessional Conduct Lack of Service	<p>Dispatcher Kelley #112</p> Unprofessional Conduct Recommendation: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____ <p>Dispatcher Cabaniss #222</p> Lack of Service Recommendation: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____
19	21-196	Hurley	Merritt	Unprofessional Conduct	<p>P.O. Longer #2452</p> Unprofessional Conduct Recommendation: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____
20	21-226	Kormos	Merritt	Unprofessional Conduct	<p>P.O. Asp #622</p> Unprofessional Conduct Recommendation: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____ <p>P.O. Borders #1780</p> Unprofessional Conduct Recommendation: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____



21	21-227	Bosko	Richardson	Unprofessional Conduct Lack of Service	<p>P.O. Lloyd #2098</p> Unprofessional Conduct Recommendation: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____ <p>P.O. Vazquez #1283</p> Unprofessional Conduct Recommendation: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____ <p>Lack of Service Recommendation: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____</p> <p>Sgt. Lane #9060</p> Unprofessional Conduct Recommendation: _____ Motion: _____ Second: _____
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VIII (A). REVIEW OF CHIEF DISCIPLINARY DECISIONS

COUNT	OPS#	COMPLAINANT	INVESTIGATOR	RECOMMENDATION	CHIEF DECISION
1	20-218	Crayton	Williams-Bennett	Unprofessional Conduct – Failure to Wear a Face Mask – the CPRB recommended a Group I category for P.O. Holt-Santiago #1262 when he had an interaction with the Complainant without wearing his mandated face mask.	Interim Chief Drummond concurred with the CPRB recommendation and issued P.O. Holt-Santiago a Letter of Reinstruction and a review of the policy to ensure that in the future it is followed verbatim.
2	21-070	Strickland	Funari	Failure to Provide Badge Number – the CPRB recommended a Letter of Reinstruction for Dispatcher Tabb #178 when she failed to provide the Complainant with her badge number when it was requested.	Interim Chief Drummond concurred with the CPRB recommendation and issued Dispatcher Tabb a Letter of Reinstruction and a review of Manual of Rules and Regulations Section 4.13 to ensure that it is followed verbatim in the future.
3	21-197	Anonymous	Richardson	Failure to Provide Name/Badge Number Violation – the CPRB recommended a Group I category for Sgt. Mone #9936 when he failed to provide the Complainant with his name and badge number after he was asked.	Interim Chief Drummond concurred with the CPRB recommendation and issued Sgt. Mone a Letter of Reinstruction and a review of Manual of Rules and Regulations Section 4.13 to ensure that it is followed verbatim in the future.



VII (B). REVIEW OF DIRECTOR DISCIPLINARY DECISIONS

COUNT	OPS#	COMPLAINANT	INVESTIGATOR	CHIEF DECISION	DIRECTOR DECISION
1	20-224	Blatt	Merritt	<p>Unprofessional Conduct – the CPRB recommended a Group I category for P.O. Rakovec #1695 when he made comments on his personal Facebook page and got into a controversial exchange about Canada’s police, being fed up with criminals, how crime should be tougher, and how “the groups” like “anti-fuzz, Black Lives Matter” stick up for criminals, and how he believes it is unfair.</p> <p>Chief Williams dismissed this allegation against P.O. Rakovec, citing that disciplining P.O. Rakovec for his comments on Facebook would be a violation of P.O. Rakovec’s First Amendment Rights.</p>	<p>Director Howard upheld the Chief’s dismissal, citing that any discipline for P.O. Rakovec would be a violation of his First Amendment Rights.</p>



2	20-236	Perkins	Delaney	<p>Lack of Service – the CPRB recommended a Group I category for P.O. Crane #2180 when he failed to generate police reports for crimes reported to him, failed to consider East Cleveland Police Department’s recommendation that they believed the accident to be a vehicular assault, and failed to complete a supplemental OH-1 report because he was under the assumption that once an OH-1 report was sent to the state it could not be altered.</p> <p>Chief Williams dismissed this allegation against P.O. Crane, citing that it would not be possible for P.O. Crane to determine that either driver “knowingly” attempted to cause physical harm to the occupant(s) of the other vehicle, and that it was only clear that the vehicles struck each other. Additionally, Chief Williams said that supplemental reports can be completed by any officer.</p>	<p>Director Howard departed from Chief William’s dismissal and issued P.O. Crane a written reprimand along with instructing P.O. Crane to review General Police Order 8.1.02 and Manual of Rules and Regulations Section(s) 4.18 and 9.01 and be reinstructed by a superior officer on that Order and those Rules.</p>
3	21-068	Reynolds	Oliver	<p>Improper Procedure – Failure to Return Property - the CPRB issued a Group I category for P.O. Wells #556 when he failed to return the Complainant’s driver’s license and insurance card after the conclusion of a traffic stop.</p> <p>**This allegation was placed before the Safety Director due to a separate Group III violation from the CDP**</p>	<p>Director Howard concurred with the CPRB recommendation and issued P.O. Wells a 15-day suspension for both the CPRB allegation and the CDP allegation.</p>