



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

Co-Chair: Brandon Toole, First District
Co-Chair: Kevin Caneco, Twelfth District

September 9, 2025
3:00 PM

VIRTUAL ZOOM WEBINAR MEETING** &
LOUIS L. REDDING CITY/COUNTY BUILDING
1ST FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS
800 N. FRENCH STREET, WILMINGTON, DE 19801

MINUTES

A. Meeting Call to Order

The Public Safety Committee meeting was called to order at 03:00 PM by Mr. Toole.

Members present: Kevin Caneco, David Carter, John Cartier, Dee Durham (virtual), Valerie George, Penrose Hollins, Janet Kilpatrick, Timothy Sheldon, George Smiley, Jea Street (virtual), David Tackett, Brandon Toole, Monique Williams-Johns

Members absent: none

B. Approval of Minutes - July 8, 2025

-A motion was made by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Cartier, to approve the minutes from the July 8, 2025 Public Safety Committee meeting. All members present were in favor. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

C. Review/Discussion of Ordinance(s)

°25-109: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$115,089.15 IN FEDERAL FUNDING FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) FOR THE PURCHASE AND RECEIPT OF DONATED EQUIPMENT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Caneco

Mr. Chris Hodgden, Coordinator of Emergency Management, New Castle County Department of Public Safety, provided details about the ordinance. Mr. Smiley asked a clarifying question.

D. Presentation by Patrick O'Connell on the Delaware Radiological Emergency Preparedness Program (REPP)

- Radiological Emergency Preparedness Presentation

Mr. Patrick O'Connell, Planning Supervisor, Technological Hazards & Radiological Emergency Preparedness Program, Delaware Emergency Management Agency gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining the role of the Delaware Radiological Preparedness Program (REPP) in the case of an emergency. Mr. Carter and Mr. Caneco entered into a discussion.

E. Presentation by Director Elmer Setting on Public Safety One meetings

Public Safety Director Elmer Setting made an announcement about the restart of Public Safety One meetings. Colonel James Leonard III, Chief of Police, was introduced by Director Elmer Setting. Colonel

Leonard gave an update on the new recruitment class, which brings the headcount of the New Castle County Police to its authorized strength. Comments and discussion ensued from Mr. Street, Mr. Carter, Mr. Caneco, Mr. Hollins, Mr. Cartier, Mr. Smiley, and President Williams-Johns.

F. Other

Mr. Street addressed the issues in Rosegate Park and pedestrian fatalities with Director Setting.

G. Public Comment

None

H. Adjournment

- A motion was made by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Cartier, to adjourn the **Public Safety Committee Meeting**. The motion was approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 03:36 PM.