



## SCHUYLER COUNTY POLICE REFORM & REINVENTION COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVE – STAKEHOLDERS MEETING

JANUARY 14, 2021

### **ATTENDEES:**

Tim O’Hearn – County Administrator (CHAIR)  
Sheriff William Yessman  
Undersheriff Breck Spaulding  
Lieutenant Todd Day  
Lieutenant Matt Maloney  
Wesley Roe – Public Defender

Chris Rosno – Probation  
Steven Getman – County Attorney  
Kristin VanHorn – Planning  
Mark Rondinaro - Schuyler County Legislature  
Peggy Scott – United Way  
Michael Hartney – Faith-Based Community

**MEETING PURPOSE:** Review the Community Presentation held on January 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **MEETING NOTES:**

- A general discussion was had about the presentation, the turn out, and how stakeholders thought the meeting went.
- Tim asked stakeholders if there was anything that came out of the community discussion that we need to ensure was included or addressed in the plan.
  - All the stakeholders thought it was important to include additional information on the website about the department statistics, use of force and officer complaints as appropriate.
    - Peggy recommended that we also consider including adding additional information around laws and the policing policies to help the community understand how the process works. There is often confusion about why someone might not be arrested or ultimately convicted.
  - Include more regular communication about arrest that have been made.
  - Increase the Community Outreach
  - Increase Training Opportunities for deputies.
  - Highlight some of the progressive steps the County has taken, such as being one of the first departments in the state to implementation of body cameras
- In response to public comments about the county’s FOIL process, it was discussed that, when a FOIL request is received, the County provides all existing documents as appropriate under the Freedom of Information Law in a timely manner. It was explained that anyone who feels unhappy with a FOIL response can appeal it to the Chairman of the Legislature. However, if no records exist or are otherwise unavailable by law, records cannot be provided and speculation of additional records existing is insufficient to support a FOIL request.
- Next Steps
  - Kristin and the Sheriff will begin working on formulating the plan to distribute to the stakeholders for review at the end of next week.