

Public Safety Focus Group



Below is the meeting summary for the second Public Safety Focus Group meeting. The purpose of this meeting was to select approximately three goals per topic for further study. In the following three meetings, groups will determine more specific objectives for each goal. All of the Focus Group information will be incorporated into the Community Strategic Plan document which will be considered by the Board of Supervisors later this year.

Meeting Date: 3/14/16

Recorder: Brian Clingenpeel

Meeting Location: Public Safety Center

Number of Participants: 21

Number of Small Groups: 3

Host: Supervisor Jason Peters

Lead Staff: Steve Simon

Staff Facilitators: Jimmy Chapman, Dustin Campbell, Travis Griffith, Steve Turner, Mark Tuck

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Most Popular Topics by Group Consensus for Meeting 1

Top 3 most popular Topics selected by group consensus at the end of Meeting 1.

1. Increasing Staffing through Recruitment and Retention
2. Shorten Response Times
3. Capital Improvement for infrastructure, equipment, technology, facilities

Meeting 1 Topics Confirmed at the Beginning of Meeting 2

1. Adequate Staffing to Meet Public Safety Needs
2. Community Focused Approach to Public Safety
3. Ensure Sufficient Infrastructure Capabilities for First Responders

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Meeting 2: GOALS DEVELOPMENT

GOALS are defined as “What you want to do.”

Topic 1: Adequate Staffing to Meet Public Safety Needs

1. Recruitment
2. Retention
3. Identify Staffing Needs
4. Promote Volunteerism
5. Succession Planning
6. Speed-Up Application Process
7. Bridge Experience Gap
8. Re-Allocate Resources for Dynamic Needs
9. Professional Development Opportunities
10. School Resource Officer in Every School
11. Educate Public Why More Staffing is Important
12. Officer in Every County School
13. Decrease Time to become a Volunteer
14. Adequate Support to Improve Public Safety Wellness and Retention
15. Create a Culture Where People Want to Come and Work and Retire
16. A Long Range Staffing Plan to Enhance Current Staffing Model
17. Law Enforcement Living in Community They Serve
18. PTSD Counseling for First Responders

Topic 2: Community Focused Approach to Public Safety

1. Increase Law Enforcement in Schools/DARE
2. Identify Staffing Needs Based on Concerns from Community
3. Equal Service Levels Through Out the County
4. Comprehensive Engagement of all Communities in Roanoke County
5. Character Building in All Elementary Schools with All Public Safety Groups

6. Accreditation- Obtain/Maintain for Public Safety Agencies
7. Public Education
8. Promote Volunteerism
9. Auxiliary Police
10. More Free CPR and Basic Fire and Rescue Classes
11. Increase Surveillance Cameras in Businesses

Topic 3: Ensure Sufficient Infrastructure Capabilities for First Responders

1. More Hydrants in Remote Locations
2. Central Fire and Police Stations
3. Internet Availability in those Stations
4. Up to Date Equipment and Maintenance
5. Traffic Cameras
6. Fleet Replacement and/or Maintenance
7. Facility Replacement and/or Maintenance
8. Ensure Adequate Communication between ECC and Responding Personnel
9. Improve Communication with Volunteer Staff for Incident Responses
10. Acquire Sufficient Tech Infrastructure for All Public Safety
11. Sufficient Water Supply Anywhere in the County
12. Adequate Facilities for Public Safety Personnel
13. Communication Between All Public Safety Agencies
14. More Public Safety Stations
15. Maintain Current Equipment Levels and Project Future Needs

End of the Meeting 2: Group Consensus on Top Three Goals by Topic

Topic 1: Adequate Staffing to Meet Public Safety Needs

Goal 1. A long range staffing plan to enhance current staffing model (includes culture, recruitment and retention, succession planning, and concerns of community)

Goal 2. Educate public why more staffing is important

Goal 3. Increase staffing to provide an officer in every county school

Topic 2: Community Focused Approach to Public Safety

Goal 1. Promote volunteerism in public safety

Goal 2. Character building in all elementary schools with all public safety groups

Goal 3. Accreditation –Obtain/Maintain for Public Safety Agencies

Topic 3: Ensure Sufficient Infrastructure Capabilities for First Responders

Goal 1. Fleet and Equipment Replacement and Maintenance

Goal 2. Adequate facilities for public safety personnel

Goal 3. Sufficient water supply anywhere in the county