



**CITY OF YPSILANTI
POLICE ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING
JUNE 23, 2022 @ 7:00 PM
CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
One South Huron, Ypsilanti, MI 48197
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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

COMMISSIONERS:

Gail Wolkoff
Herman Humes
Kathleen McCormick
Rene Echols

STAFF LIASION:

Chief DeGisuti

COUNCIL LIASION

Nicole Brown

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

V. PRESENTATIONS

- 3 - 10** A. WeROC - Justice Matters Team
[Presentation](#)

VI. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

- 11 - 12** A. Approving the minutes of the April 28, 2022 Meeting.
[Minutes](#)

B. Monthly statistical analysis - Chief DeGiusti

- 13 - 14** C. Resolution No. 2022-001, requesting that the City of Ypsilanti become a member of the [National Association of the National Association for Civilian Oversight](#).
[2022-001](#)

- 15** D. Resolution No. 2022-002, acquiring on outside expert to provide balanced, evidence basted perspective on the benefits and possible harms, or risks of equipment:
1. Cameras that aid police investigations
2. Gunshot detectors.
[2022-002](#)

VII. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE

X. ADJOURNMENT

Traffic Stops in Washtenaw County

**Alyshia Dyer, former road patrol officer,
and community organizer with
WeROC/MOSES**

**Susan Hooks-Brown, Birth to career
advocate, and community organizer with
WeROC**



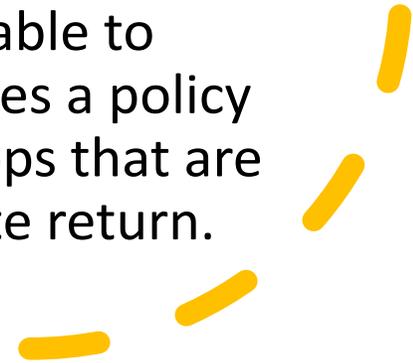
WeROC Justice Matters Action Team



- Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition: Faith, Labor, Community Leaders who effectively work for equitable outcomes and resources in:
- Education
- Housing
- Employment
- Veterans Issues
- Public Health
- Mental Health Services
- Economic Opportunity
- Criminal Justice Reform

Criminal Justice Reform- Justice Matters

- Our Justice Matters team works with community leaders, faith leaders, elected leaders, and people working in our systems to reduce harm in our legal system. We do this through relationship building, one on ones, and organizing people, and power.
- Members in the community brought to our attention incidents involving traffic stops and being pulled over for no insurance.
- Through talking with law enforcement, and community stakeholders we were able to develop a shared goal which involves a policy recommendation to stop traffic stops that are based solely on a no insurance plate return.





Officers should be aware that the EIV=N message is not conclusive proof that the vehicle is uninsured; for example, an insurance company may have miscoded the VIN or has yet to report the insurance for a recently-insured vehicle to the SOS. Moreover, insurance companies are only required to electronically transmit policy information to the SOS for private passenger nonfleet automobiles. [MCL 500.3101a\(2\)](#). As a result, any EIV=N message associated with a motorcycle, commercial vehicle, or fleet vehicle would not necessarily provide reasonable suspicion to stop the vehicle. For these reasons, police departments may have a policy prohibiting their officers from initiating any traffic stop based solely on the EIV=N message, even though the EIV=N message may provide reasonable suspicion to justify a traffic stop. Before initiating a traffic stop based only on the EIV=N message, officers should review any applicable policies of their department.

Key Points

- It is not reliable because of the delay in reporting.
- Can set officers up for failure
- If something bad happens on the traffic stop this could really hurt community trust. This increases likelihood for tense situations to occur that don't have to happen in the first place.

The Ask

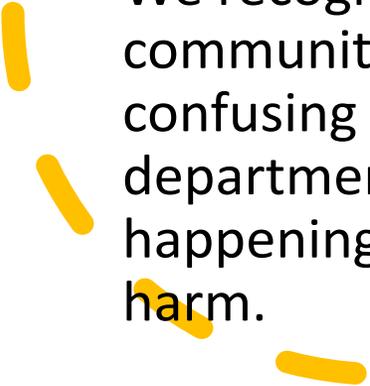
- We are asking law enforcement leaders to work together, and with their departments to develop a policy that officers should not use a SOS return of no insurance as a primary reason for a traffic stop. We also would like to be updated when this happens so we can share this with community members. Too often we don't hear about the good things that happen in this work and we think transparency is important but also, we would like to highlight this positive outcome.

Why does this make sense?

- The practice of randomly running license plates and pulling someone over just because of the no insurance return can hurt community relations, cause unnecessary stress for both parties.
- Procedural justice comes to mind, just because we can doesn't mean we should.
- This is a chance for us all to come together and do something good before something tragic happens.
- No officers we have talked to want to be hired guns for insurance companies, and when we use officers as pawns to enforce poverty related infractions it really hurts police community relations.



Thank you

- We appreciate the officers, chiefs/administrators, and community members we have have talked to regarding this problem, and the collective feedback has helped to inform this request.
 - We appreciate Chief Tony, and Chief Cox for the invitation to come today to speak to everyone.
 - We recognize there are many officers who aren't doing this in our community, and we also recognize jurisdictional boundaries can be confusing to community members, this is not meant to pick on any one department but to work together to uniformly stop this practice from happening because we believe it is a step in a positive direction to reducing harm.
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Q and A, Comments, Dialogue





MINUTES POLICE ADVISORY COMMISSION Meeting

7:00 PM - Thursday, April 28, 2022
Council Chambers

The POLICE ADVISORY COMMISSION of the City of Ypsilanti was called to order on Thursday, April 28, 2022, at 7:00 PM:

1 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called or order at 07:01pm.

2 ROLL CALL

COMMISSIONERS:

Gail Wolkoff	Present
Herman Humes	Present
Kathleen McCormick	Present
Rene Echols	Present

STAFF LIASION:

Chief DeGisuti

COUNCIL LIAISON:

Council Member Anthony Morgan

3 AGENDA APPROVAL

Commissioner Echols moved, seconded by Commissioner McCormick to approve the agenda as submitted. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner McCormick moved, seconded by Commissioner Humes to amend the agenda adding gun storage (The RAC Firearm Storage and Security). On a voice vote, the motion carried.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

One member from the public spoke.

5 RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

a) Approving the minutes of the March 24, 2022 Meeting.

Commissioner Echols moved, seconded by Commissioner Humes to approve the minutes. On a a voice vote, the motion carried.

b) The RAC Firearm Storage and Security (**Added**)

c) Ypsilanti Police Department Statistical Analysis - Chief DeGiusti

d) License Plate Readers - What they Do and Don't Do - Chief DeGiusti

6 OLD BUSINESS

7 PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

Two members from the public spoke.

8 NEXT MEETING DATE

May 26, 2022

9 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 08:24pm.



Resolution No. 2022-001
May 26, 2022

RESOLVED BY THE POLICE ADVISORY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the commission urges city council by formal resolution to submit application and become a member of the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement's (NACOLE)

Whereas: The YPAC is charged to provide advice on police matters to city council and city staff

Whereas: The National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement's (NACOLE) is an organization that is charged with to create a community of support for independent, civilian oversight entities that seek to make their local law enforcement agencies more transparent, accountable, and responsive to the communities they serve.

Whereas: The National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement elevates and advances high professional and ethical standards for and promotes the independence and authority of all entities charged with civilian oversight. To achieve its mission and promote its vision, NACOLE:

- **Assists, supports, and educates jurisdictions considering or developing civilian oversight of law enforcement;**
- **Trains, educates, and sets high professional and ethical standards for organizations and practitioners charged with civilian oversight of law enforcement;**
- **Provides educational and informational resources relating to the field of civilian oversight of law enforcement;**
- **Supports efforts and strategies that afford civilian oversight organizations independence, adequate authority, and sufficient funding and staffing; and**
- **Defends members against attacks that impede or undermine the effectiveness of civilian oversight.**

Whereas: Organizational members (\$500 annually) are defined as agencies or boards who provide civilian oversight of law enforcement by legislative or executive mandate. These agencies or boards will receive one transferable

regular (voting) membership. All agency or board affiliate members are eligible to serve on committees, however election or appointment to the Board of Directors shall be limited to the designated voting member of the agency or board. Cities or other political subdivisions may obtain one organizational membership to cover all of the entities within it, which meet the requirements for regular membership.

Now therefore the commission requests City Council by formal resolution submit application and become a member of an organizational member of The National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement's (NACOLE)

OFFERED BY:

SUPPORTED BY:

YES:

NO:

ABSENT:

VOTE:



Resolution No. 2022-002
May 26, 2022

**RESOLVED BY THE POLICE ADVISORY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF
YPSILANTI:**

That the commission invite an outside expert to present to the commission a balanced, evidence-based perspective on the benefits and possible harms, or risks of:

- **Cameras that aid in police investigations**
- **Gunshot detectors.**

Whereas: The commission has received presentation by Chief DeGuisti on these technologies;

Be it further resolved, that the commission is involved with the process to hear and discuss such a presentation, with input from any participation from the public and make a recommendation to Council, prior to any implementation of these tools by the City Manager and the Ypsilanti Police Department

OFFERED BY:

SUPPORTED BY:

YES:

NO:

ABSENT:

VOTE: