



Chief's Advisory Panel for the Tampa Police Department

October 7, 2025, 6:00pm

Tampa Police Department Training Center

116 S. 34th St.

Tampa, FL 33605

Meeting Minutes

The Tampa Police Department was represented by Chief of Police Lee Bercaw, Captain of Professional Standards Lisa Purcell, Sergeant Michael Ferguson, Corporal Robert Suddler and Corporal Melissa Turner.

Additional representatives from the Tampa Police Department Senior Assistant City Attorney Michael Schmid.

The Advisory Panel consisted of Albert Cooke, Lincoln Tamayo, Devon Ingandela, Irene Guy and retired Tampa Police Captain David Goodman. Panel members Carlos Valdes and Andrew March, were not in attendance

The Recording Secretary was Detective Michael Baran, Tampa Police Department.

I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

Chair Albert Cooke conducted introductions along with members of the panel.

IV. Approval of Minutes

The meeting minutes from June 3, 2025, were approved and signed by the panel.

V. Public Comment

No members of the public were present.

VI. New Business

Chief Lee Bercaw presented to the panel the department's recent advancements in technology, highlighting several key initiatives. These included:

- Implementation of Axon Policy Chat, an AI-based tool to support policy guidance
- Issuance of City cell phones equipped with vMobile, extending CAD system capabilities directly to officers' smartphones
- Deployment of real-time language translation through body-worn cameras
- Introduction of Virtual Reality training designed specifically for the newly issued TASER 10

In addition, Chief Bercaw informed the panel about the rollout of new outer carrier load-bearing vests to enhance officer comfort and safety. He concluded by sharing the department's goal of transitioning to Glock 45 pistols in the coming year.

Sergeant Michael Ferguson conducted the Tampa Police Department Emergency operations of Police vehicles, SOP 386. Sergeant Ferguson reviewed the training officers are provided with for Emergency operation of a police vehicle for purposes including driving in response to an emergency call for police service, police pursuits, and implementation of police intervention techniques.

Panel members then watched videos of officers involved in vehicle pursuits and training on police intervention techniques.

VII. Old Business

No panel members had any questions or additional input from the previous topic of the Tampa Police Department Communications presentation.

VIII. Future Meeting

All panel members agreed to the next meeting to take place on December 2, 2025. Future topics discussed.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Chief's Advisory Panel at this time, said meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m. this 7th day of October 2025.

Minutes approved by the motion to adopt.



CHAIR/VICE-CHAIR



RECORDING SECRETARY

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