



MEETING MINUTES

Chief's Advisory Committee Wednesday, July 8, 2026

The Wednesday, July 8, 2026 Chief's Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting was called to order by Chair Hollie at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 5555 Perimeter Drive. She welcomed everyone to the meeting.

OATH OF OFFICE

Council Member Alutto was present and administered the Oath of Office to Community Partner (CP) Barnes.

ROLL CALL

Committee Members Present: Lisa Baer, Ron Barnes, Luke Powell, Alex O'Ryan, Kimberly Hollie, Chitra Goyal

Staff Present: Chief Páez, Deputy Chief Lattanzi, Sergeant (Sgt.) Kovacs

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Chair Hollie asked for additions or corrections to the 05-14-2026 minutes of the Chief's Advisory Committee meeting. There were none.

CP O'Ryan moved, CP Baer seconded approval of the minutes.

Vote: CP O'Ryan, yes; CP Hollie, yes; CP Barnes, yes; CP Powell, yes; CP Baer, yes; CP Goyal, yes.
[Motion carried 6-0.]

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Paez opened the floor for nominations for the Chair and Vice Chair positions, marking the beginning of a new term for the 2026–2027 period. He acknowledged outgoing Vice Chair Apolinario for his service and expressed gratitude to Chair Hollie for her leadership over the prior year.

- **Election of Chair**

CP Baer moved, CP Barnes seconded the election of CP Hollie as Chair for a one-year term.

Vote: CP Goyal, yes; CP Hollie, yes; CP Barnes, yes; CP Powell, yes; CP O'Ryan, yes; CP Baer, yes.

[Motion carried 6-0.]

- **Election of Vice Chair**

Chair Hollie moved, CP Barnes seconded the election of CP Baer as Vice Chair for a one-year term.

Vote: CP Goyal, yes; Chair Hollie, yes; CP Barnes, yes; CP Powell, yes; CP O’Ryan, yes; CP Baer, yes.

[Motion carried 6-0.]

- **Update on Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD)/Records Management System (RMS)**

Deputy Chief Lattanzi explained that the current CAD and RMS systems are products of Central Square. In 2019, the Department was notified that the existing product would no longer be supported, marketed, or further developed. This meant that requests for technological advancement or system changes could not be accommodated by the current vendor. Additionally, the Department had not been fully satisfied with the level of support received from that vendor. These factors collectively prompted the department to begin evaluating alternative solutions.

Deputy Chief Lattanzi also noted that the State of Ohio is transitioning to a Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG911) infrastructure in the coming years, and the current system does not support that standard. A modernized platform would allow advanced data—including video feeds, drone footage, and other technology—to be routed directly to officers in the field.

Beginning in 2025, the Department assembled a working group composed of members from the Dublin Police Department, the Northwest Regional Emergency Communications Center (NRECC), city IT staff, and representatives from each regional partner agency. The group evaluated a double-digit number of vendors through conference attendance and on-site demonstrations. Following cost analyses and functional reviews, the committee selected a company known as Hexagon, recently rebranded as Octave, as the preferred vendor.

Deputy Chief Lattanzi noted that Hexagon is a nationally recognized provider of CAD and RMS systems, and is currently used by the City of Columbus, among many other public safety entities across the United States and internationally. The company has an established platform which it has evolved into the new software version the city will be purchasing.

He clarified that while the CAD and RMS projects are being undertaken simultaneously and involve the same vendor, they are two distinct projects. The CAD system supports NRECC's regional partners—Dublin, Hilliard, Upper Arlington, Worthington, Washington Township, and Norwich Township—while the RMS is specific to the City of Dublin.

The implementation timeline is approximately 18 months from the official project kickoff, which is anticipated within three to four weeks of the meeting date. During that period, the vendor will build out the platform from the ground up, incorporating customization for agency-specific requirements such as Ohio crash report formats, integrated software packages, and automated fire dispatch functions. Workgroups composed of internal and external staff have been established for both the CAD and RMS components to provide ongoing input throughout the build-out process.

Deputy Chief Lattanzi outlined several anticipated benefits of the new system, including improved call processing capabilities, better situational awareness for dispatchers and officers, enhanced responder coordination, more reliable infrastructure, and improved information sharing with

internal and external partners. From an officer perspective, the new software introduces mobile capability—allowing officers to use department-issued iPads or cell phones to assist with report writing and incident documentation in the field, rather than being limited to fixed in-vehicle computers.

He highlighted the potential for future integrations, including live body camera feeds and drone footage routed directly to officer screens through the CAD system, as well as compatibility with the Drone as First Responder program.

The project is funded through a combination of sources. The city receives annual 9-1-1 wireless surcharge funds from Franklin County, which are allocated from a portion of residents' cell phone bills. The department's finance team had been proactive in reserving these funds to support the project. The CAD costs are shared among the City of Dublin and its regional partner agencies, while the RMS costs are borne solely by the City of Dublin and are funded through capital funds and wireless 9-1-1 revenues.

Chair Hollie asked whether the impetus for change was primarily the discontinuation of the current product or the capabilities offered by the new system. Deputy Chief Lattanzi confirmed it was a combination of both factors, noting that dissatisfaction with vendor support also played a role.

CP Barnes raised the topic of interoperability with neighboring agencies, particularly in light of the region's growth and the frequency with which Dublin officers interact with jurisdictions such as the Columbus Division of Police. Deputy Chief Lattanzi acknowledged that each agency operates on its own upgrade schedule and that there is no unified regional CAD system across Central Ohio. He noted that Columbus currently uses a Hexagon product, and that the build-out process will include testing to ensure seamless 9-1-1 call transfers to neighboring agencies. He also addressed the sensitivity around granting external agencies real-time access to Dublin's CAD feeds, citing the importance of controlled access and the adequacy of the existing radio system for emergency resource coordination.

Chief Paez elaborated on the regional radio infrastructure, noting that the Multi-Agency Radio Communication (MARC) statewide radio system and dedicated emergency channels allow for real-time coordination between communication centers without requiring shared CAD access. He referenced the July 4th holiday incident in Westerville as an example of how the existing communication infrastructure facilitates cross-jurisdictional awareness and response. Sergeant Ian Kovacs added that patrol supervisors routinely monitor neighboring jurisdictions' radio channels—including Columbus—using a secondary radio in their vehicles, providing an additional layer of awareness.

CP Goyal asked whether the pace of technological change made it difficult to remain current. Deputy Chief Lattanzi acknowledged that technology evolves rapidly but expressed confidence that Hexagon's continued development commitment and willingness to integrate future technologies would allow Dublin to remain well-positioned. He stated that the department's goal is for the new system to serve the agency for a decade or more.

Chair Hollie asked a follow-up question regarding the system's capacity for future upgrades. Deputy Chief Lattanzi confirmed that system upgrades are included as part of the purchase and that future integrations with new technology can be accommodated, though additional costs may apply depending on the scope of work.

- **Fore!Fest Security Recap & DIF Security Planning**

Deputy Chief Lattanzi transitioned to a recap of the security plan executed for Fore!Fest, the concert and street festival held in the Bridge Park district during the Memorial Tournament, and provided a brief update on planning for the Dublin Irish Festival (DIF).

Fore!Fest is held on Friday and Saturday evenings during the Memorial Tournament week, with the venue centered on Longshore Drive in Bridge Park. Deputy Chief Lattanzi noted that Sergeant Josh Kirby, who was on vacation at the time of the meeting, was instrumental in executing the security plan through his established connectivity with Crawford Hoying and Bridge Park event staff.

Attendance figures were notably high: approximately 19,500 individuals attended on Friday evening, and approximately 18,600 attended on Saturday. Deputy Chief Lattanzi attributed the increased crowd size in part to the closure of the Bogey Inn, which had historically served as a secondary evening venue during tournament week. With that venue no longer operating, Fore!Fest became the primary nighttime attraction during that period, and attendance is expected to remain at or above current levels in future years. Friday's event ran from 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM and included a drone show in the evening. Saturday's event ran from 5:00 PM to 11:00 PM and drew a primarily adult crowd.

Deputy Chief Lattanzi stated that the mission of the security plan was to maintain a safe environment for attendees, performers, vendors, and staff; provide a visible law enforcement presence as a deterrent; facilitate safe pedestrian and vehicle movement; support rapid emergency response; and ensure a family-friendly atmosphere. The overall security deployment included the following resources: 10 Dublin Police officers dedicated to event security; 3 additional officers assigned to monitor Riverside Crossing Park and manage pedestrian traffic during the Friday drone show; 9 personnel from the Delaware County Regional Emergency Response (tactical) unit; 6 personnel from the Franklin County Bomb Squad; and approximately 10 private security officers provided by Crawford Hoying to monitor parking garages, provide stage security, and conduct crowd observation. Tactical unit members were staged out of sight, ready to respond rapidly to any significant incident without creating alarm among event attendees. Additionally, members of the tactical unit were positioned on rooftops of nearby high-rise buildings to provide elevated observation of the dense crowd and guide ground-level officers if needed. A drone team was deployed to monitor crowd patterns, traffic flow, and any incidents requiring resource direction. The Franklin County Bomb Squad conducted canine sweeps of the venue, stage, trash receptacles, and nearby vehicles prior to the event. Deputy Chief Lattanzi explained that having the bomb squad on-site allowed for immediate assessment of any reported suspicious packages without the delays associated with calling them in after the fact. Similar deployments are standard practice for the 4th of July celebration, the Irish Festival, and parades. The Department also utilized newly purchased vehicle barricade equipment this year. Previously, the Department had borrowed barricades from Franklin County EMA; it now owns a trailer system capable of closing approximately nine lanes of roadway at the most vulnerable access points surrounding Bridge Park.

Deputy Chief Lattanzi noted that the event went off without any significant incidents, praising the coordination between Dublin Police, Crawford Hoying, private security, the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, and the Delaware County Sheriff's Department.

A weather event on Saturday evening brought heavy rain and strong winds, knocking down several trees across the city. As part of the pre-established weather contingency plan, organizers made the decision to delay the start of Saturday's Fore!Fest to protect patron safety and allow time for roadway clearance. Deputy Chief Lattanzi emphasized that weather planning is a standard component of all major event security plans, with tiered protocols for suspending or evacuating events.

CP Barnes inquired about year-over-year attendance comparisons. Deputy Chief Lattanzi indicated that he did not have last year's figures available but noted that new pedestrian counting technology deployed by the city's transportation and mobility division had enabled the specific figures cited for this year. He reiterated his expectation that attendance would remain at similar or higher levels in future years given the closure of the Bogey Inn.

CP O'Ryan asked how officer deployment levels are determined for events and whether backup resources are available in the event of an underestimation of crowd size. Deputy Chief Lattanzi confirmed that officer staffing is determined through the event permitting process, which involves a committee review of organizer-submitted information including expected attendance. Intelligence monitoring through the department's law enforcement planner and the State Highway Patrol's Statewide Terrorism Analysis & Crime Center (STACC) unit is also incorporated. In the event of an immediate and unforeseen need for additional resources, the Department can activate regional radio channels to summon a rapid response from other agencies throughout Franklin County.

Deputy Chief Lattanzi briefly noted that planning for the Dublin Irish Festival is actively underway, with coordination ongoing with external partners. He stated that a full recap would be provided at a subsequent meeting. The Irish Festival is expected to draw between 75,000 and 100,000 attendees over the course of the weekend.

Deputy Chief Lattanzi also highlighted the role of the Business District Unit and Sergeant Kirby in strengthening the Department's planning relationships with Crawford Hoying. He noted that the growth of events in the Bridge Park District—including the farmer's market, Christmas market, and future programming—makes that ongoing connectivity increasingly important.

STAFF COMMENTS

- **Update on Crime Trends and Police Activity - Police Chief Justin Paez**

Chief Paez presented a summary of recent crime trends and police activity. He noted that the data may be slightly incomplete given the early timing of the report in the month.

Chief Paez reported a developing uptick in theft offenses and theft from vehicle incidents. Unlike prior years, where such activity was typically concentrated in hotel parking lots, the most recent occurrences were distributed across residential neighborhoods in and around the center of the city. The activity was clustered over approximately one week and involved three separate incidents. While the number of vehicles entered was sufficient to draw the Department's attention, the volume of property actually stolen was limited. Sergeant Kovacs noted that the Department's law enforcement planner distributed a detailed briefing to all patrol shifts identifying the affected areas and directing focused attention to those neighborhoods. Investigations are ongoing to identify suspects in cases where property was taken.

The Department continues to see a downward trend in motor vehicle theft. Year-to-date totals stand at 24 reports, with only 2 recorded in June. Chief Paez acknowledged that each incident remains impactful for the individuals involved and stated that the department will continue to monitor this category.

Chief Paez reported 31 burglary and breaking-and-entering reports year-to-date, compared to 21 at the same point in the prior year. He noted that 5 of those incidents were attributable to the apartment fire at Asherton, where units that had been rendered uninhabitable were subsequently accessed by individuals who removed property belonging to displaced residents. Accounting for that concentrated cluster, the underlying variance from the prior year is more limited.

Total traffic crashes are trending slightly downward compared to the prior year, with an approximate difference of 18 crashes. OVI enforcement activity is marginally above last year's figures, and total traffic stops remain nearly identical to the same period in 2025, at just under 6,000 stops through the midpoint of the year.

Chief Paez emphasized that while the Department is actively monitoring emerging trends, the overall incidence of crime in Dublin remains very low. He stated that the department continues to develop and refine preventative and responsive strategies to sustain Dublin's safety profile through the remainder of 2026.

It was noted that the updated committee group photo, which had been arranged by the absent staff liaison, would be rescheduled. Chief Paez indicated a desire to capture a photo of the full committee at the conclusion of the current meeting, as all six members were present together for the first time in several meetings. The formal updated group photo with Communications and Marketing Director Robyn Gray is planned for the August 13 meeting.

ROUNDTABLE

Chair Hollie indicated that the Committee is entering a new term and invited discussion on topics for future meeting agendas. Several items were raised during the roundtable.

Chief Paez proposed that the August meeting include a presentation on school safety and the work of the School Resource Officers, given the proximity of the return to the school year. He also invited committee members to suggest additional topics. The following items were identified for inclusion in the August agenda:

- School safety and SRO programming
- A presentation by the detective section on investigative processes, requested by Chair Hollie in the context of public interest in high-profile criminal investigations
- Recognition of former committee members Emmet Apolinario and Zhen Xing, who had rotated off the Committee and had not yet been formally recognized

CP Powell raised the topic of e-bikes and motorized scooters, noting that residents frequently raise concerns about the speed and prevalence of these vehicles—particularly among youth—on shared use paths and roadways throughout Dublin. He noted uncertainty about applicable regulations and asked whether the department was tracking incidents or injuries attributable to such vehicles.

Chief Paez responded that the Community Education unit and the bicycle patrol team have been actively working to communicate applicable regulations to the public. He noted that Dublin City Council has passed legislation requiring helmets for juvenile riders up to a specified age, and that

there are class-based regulations governing the permitted use of different types of e-bikes. Sergeant Kovacs clarified that Class 1 and Class 2 e-bikes do not have a minimum age requirement, while Class 3 e-bikes—generally defined as those capable of exceeding 20 miles per hour—require the operator to be at least 16 years of age.

Chief Paez further noted that a recently enacted provision allows the Department to hold parents accountable when a juvenile is operating an inappropriate or improperly equipped vehicle on a shared use path or roadway. He acknowledged that this is a relatively new development and that public education on this point is ongoing. Chief Paez encouraged residents to call the non-emergency line when they observe unsafe use of such vehicles, as real-time information allows the department to direct patrol resources more effectively. He also committed to sharing the Department's "Ride Smart, Ride Safe" web resource with committee members following the meeting so they could assist in disseminating that information.

CP Barnes asked whether the information on e-bike regulations had been distributed to homeowners associations. Chief Paez confirmed that Deputy Chief Tabernik and the Director of Transportation and Mobility had presented this information to HOA leadership at an April meeting, and that a follow-up email with the relevant PowerPoint had been distributed. He stated he would confirm that the communication had been sent.

CP Baer brought to the Committee's attention a recent initiative in which Dublin Police officers and first responders were equipped with sensory kits to assist in interactions with neurodivergent individuals. She noted that her son had been involved in delivering the kits to a School Resource Officer at the end of the school year, and that the City of Dublin had produced a video about the program. Sergeant Kovacs confirmed that the bags contain items including stuffed animals, noise-reducing headphones, fidgets, sunglasses, visual supports, a mini communication board, and other sensory tools. The committee acknowledged and expressed appreciation for the initiative.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.



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