



**WESTBROOK CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY DECEMBER 21, 2020  
WESTBROOK PERFORMING ARTS CENTER**



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### **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 6:01pm by Public Safety Committee Chair Elliot Storey

**City Councilors Present:** Claude Rwaganje (At-Large); David C. Morse (Ward 1); Victor Chau (Ward 2); Elliot Storey (Ward 5, Committee Chair); Anna Turcotte (Ward 3, Vice President); Gary Rairdon (Ward 4, President)

**City Councilors Absent:** Michael Shaughnessy (At-Large)

**Other City Officials Present:** Jerre Bryant (City Administrator); Natalie Burns (City Solicitor); Michael T. Foley (Mayor); Angela Holmes (City Clerk); Janine Roberts (Police Chief); Steve Goldberg (Police Captain); Sean Lally (Police Captain); Andrew Turcotte (Fire Chief); Daniel Violette (Police Detective).

### **USE OF FORCE POLICY ANALYSIS**

Committee Chair Storey gave the floor to Police Chief Roberts who introduced the topic. Tonight's report is an outcome of a request from the public and PD staff to do an in-depth analysis to build context around use of force incidents. The department worked with St. Joseph's College, Professor Meredith Emigh-Guy who drafted a report.

Chief gave the floor to Professor Emigh-Guy, Program Director of Criminal Justice at St. Joseph's College. Professor presented her analysis of the Westbrook Police Department calls in 2019, the use of force, the incidents, the individuals involved and where and when the incidents occurred.

Storey opened the floor for questions and comments on the Professor's presentation. The following individuals spoke: Committee Chair Storey.

Professor Emigh-Guy gave the floor back to Chief Roberts, to present additional information about use of force.

Storey opened the floor for questions. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Turcotte, Councilor Morse, Chief Roberts, Councilor Rwaganje, Councilor Storey, Mayor Foley, Councilor Chau.

Chief Roberts asked for next steps. Per Rwaganje, similar analysis and breakdown of 2017 and 2018 Use of Force incidents, traffic stops and arrests (broken down by race).

Foley asked to leave item before the committee. Work with new Chief Lally to develop the further studies and report back to the committee in the future.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 7:17pm.

Moved by President Rairdon, seconded by Councilor Rwaganje.

**Motion carried by a show of hands. None opposed.**