

Serious and Deadly Force Investigation Taskforce

Second Meeting Summary

May 10, 2018

City Hall
600 4th Ave, Room 370
Seattle, WA 98104

Attendees: Jim Graddon (Co-Chair), André Taylor (Co-Chair), James Bible, Emma Catague, Captain Gregg Caylor, Leslie Cushman, Lisa Daugaard, Willard Jimerson Jr. (on behalf of Michelle Merriweather), Josh Johnson, Mark Larson, Jim Maher, Evan McManamy (on behalf of Sweetwater Nannauck), Andrew Myerberg, Deionte Petty (on behalf of Michelle Merriweather), Lorena Sepin

I. **Scope of Work** (12 – 12:30)

The Taskforce discussed and determined that its scope of work would be forensic investigations of Type III and deadly uses of force. Its goal is to produce a range of options for lawmakers' consideration.

II. **Work Plan** (12:30 – 1:30)

The Taskforce reviewed a list of work plan items it initially identified at its first meeting including research, reports, questions, potential community engagement, and communications. It identified the following tasks for the month of May and June:

1. Create a SDFIT website
2. Create a OPA/OIG/FIT Flow Chart
3. Conduct a survey of external investigation models
4. Obtain records related to FIT/FRB outcomes for serious and deadly uses of force in Seattle
5. Gather law enforcement perspectives

The following questions were posed during the meeting:

- Are there jurisdictions that have civilians that do the work?
- Are there any statutory requires in the state that require sworn officers to conduct investigations?

III. **Community Expectations** (1:30 – 2:30)

Co-chair André Taylor led a conversation focusing on the perspectives of community members on the Taskforce. The Taskforce discussed certain communities' historical trauma and mistrust in law enforcement. The Taskforce also discussed the role that implicit bias and systemic racism play in the divide between community and law enforcement.

There are frustrations in community that the conversation taking place is about the aftermath of a worst possible outcome (investigation of police shootings) rather than prevention. For example, after the shooting of John T. Williams, the Seattle Police Department joined a restorative circle with Native American community members. The circle produced a list of follow-up items for SPD to fulfill, yet years later, many of these items remain incomplete. It will be important to acknowledge the importance of preventative efforts in any recommendations or report that the Taskforce issues.

IV. **Other Business** (2:30 - 3)

The Taskforce discussed logistical items.