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Sent: 8/26/2016 11:51:20 AM
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Subject: Fwd: Working group on use of force policy list

Hey Dawa, hope you're well. I know Christina's out of town and I'm trying to clarify some information about the groups involved in the overhaul of the APD's use of force policy. Below is more about the requested clarification.

Best,

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From: **Asheville Blade** <ashevilleblade@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Aug 26, 2016 at 12:42 PM
Subject: Re: Working group on use of force policy list
To: Christina Hallingse <CHallingse@ashevillenc.gov>

Thanks, Christina.

I wanted to inquire about the status of the Racial Justice Coalition's representation, as on Aug. 16 I received an official statement from the RJC saying they were no longer involved as a whole (though some individuals and organizations involved in the RJC would be). It read in part:

We want to recognize the Chief's willingness to work on use of force policies and appreciate her recent participation in a two-day Racial Equity Institute Training.

While members of the RJC have met with the Chief and agreed on including a number of community groups, and the use of an outside facilitator from the VERA Institute of Justice; we did not come to an agreement on all of the groups represented or the process involved.

Because we think it is important to continue to include community voices in the use of force policy review process, some of our members will continue to contribute as the process moves forward. However, we want to be transparent with the community that we were not in agreement with the final composition of the working group, and that this process is now being directed by APD rather than as a partnership with the Racial Justice Coalition.

Thanks for helping to clarify the status of their involvement.

Best,

David

On Wed, Aug 24, 2016 at 3:03 PM, Christina Hallingse <CHallingse@ashevillenc.gov> wrote:

David,

Good afternoon. The Use of Force Policy Community Work Group is composed of members representing each of the following organizations. The individual participants are subject to change if they are, for some reason, unable to participate. The group recently met for the first time and are very preliminary in the process.

- Racial Justice Coalition (RJC)
- Asheville Branch of the NAACP
- Residents Council of Asheville Housing Authority
- Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance (IMA)
- Black Lives Matter Asheville (BLM)
- Center for Participatory Change
- Stop the Violence Coalition
- Asheville Civil Rights Attorney Curry First
- Our Voice
- Asheville City Schools
- Asheville Housing Authority
- Asheville Chamber of Commerce
- Buncombe County Veteran’s Court
- Compañeros Inmigrantes de las Montañas en Acción (CIMA)
- Campaign for Southern Equality
- Asheville Police Department

Thank you,

Christina Hallingse

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Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2016 12:50 PM

To: Christina Hallingse

Subject: Working group on use of force policy list

Hey Christina, hope your day's going well. At yesterday's Public Safety meeting, Chief Hooper mentioned that the composition of the working group for the new use of force policy was being finalized. When that's completed, please send me the roster.

Thanks,

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