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**Southern Police Commission  
Regular Scheduled Meeting Minutes  
March 4, 2026**

A public meeting of the Southern Police Commission was held on Wednesday, March 4, 2026, at the New Freedom Borough Office, 47 East High Street, New Freedom, PA 17349.

**Commission Members Present:** Roy Burkins, Andy Bobby, Erica Rearich, Brittany Barnette, Jessica Fisher, Kelly Gillispie

**Police Department Staff:** Chief Boddington

**Solicitor:** Peter Ruth

**Recording Secretary:** Noelle Wilson

**Others in Attendance:** 7 members of public, Brian Sweitzer-Alternate, Judge Sweeney, Sgt. Teague, Officer Slenker, 6 SRPD officers

**CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- B. Barnette called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
- Chief Boddington introduced Officer Jon Slenker to the SRPC. Judge Sweeney conducted the swearing in of Officer Slenker. Officer Slenker stated he is happy to be part of SRPD and that he hopes to serve with the department a long time.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- There were no public comments.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE February 2026, MEETING MINUTES**

- The February 4, 2026, minutes were reviewed. There were corrections made to the minutes prior to the meeting and the corrected version was distributed to the Commission. B. Barnette clarified 2 points in the minutes that were questioned by SRPC members. A. Bobby made a motion to accept the February minutes. R. Burkins seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MONTHLY EXPENDITURES AND CHECKS**

- B. Barnette announced that with the change in accounting contracts, the January expenditures were not available for approval at the meeting. She reported that bills have been paid and the January 2026 expenditures will be reviewed at the April 2026 SRPC meeting.

**CHIEF'S REPORT**

- Chief Boddington distributed the January 25, 2026, through February 21, 2026, Incident Report. Call volumes are increased slightly. All totals remain within tolerance.
- Chief Boddington reported that there were some citations issued during the snow emergency.

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- Chief Boddington reported on a hit and run in Stewartstown. Some young people were on bicycles and had run into each other before a vehicle passed them. It was initially reported as a hit and run on Crime Watch. The cyclists were taken to the hospital to be checked out and there were no injuries.
- Chief Boddington reported on a drug arrest in Stewartstown.
- Sgt. Teague reported on a 4-wheeler causing damage to the grounds at Kennard Dale High School.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### **INSURANCE AND PENSION**

- R. Burkins reported on an email received from Chris Englebert stating the pension fund is up 2.11% in 2026. Mr. Englebert also stated that he will be transferring some funds because the market has changed.

### **PERSONNEL/CIVIL SERVICE**

- No report.

### **FACILITIES & EQUIPMENT**

- No report.

### **FINANCE & BUDGET**

- B. Barnette reported that the SRPC is transitioning to the new accounting firm, Altland & Associates.

### **OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

- A. Bobby reported that there was another meeting where they reviewed the iteration of the package they have put together.
- B. Sweitzer reported that Shrewsbury Township is willing to meet with the SRPC.
- A. Bobby reported on his most recent conversation with Senator Kristin Phillips Hill. She stated that by law, if neighborhoods come forward, municipalities are obligated to enact a district type plan for police coverage. The Outreach Committee is going to offer membership or purchase police services and come up with districts consisting of high-density areas and shopping centers.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

- P. Ruth reported that he received revisions to the Code of Conduct and that will be added to the April 2026 SRPC agenda.
- P. Ruth reminded SRPC members to complete their statement of financial interest filed no later than May 1, 2026, for 2025. Chief Boddington needs a copy for the SRPC records.
- P. Ruth reported that they are handing Right to Know requests.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- There was no executive session.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

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- Sgt. Teague brought up purchasing new tasers and wanted to confirm that the OK had been given for the purchase. The SRPC confirmed that the funds are there and the purchase has been approved to purchase the needed tasers for the SRPD.
- E. Rearich inquired about outfitting the new vehicle. Chief reported that once the decals are on the vehicle, it will be sent for equipment installation.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Sgt. Teague brought up questions Sgt. Smuck had regarding PPUs for the school districts, specifically admin time vs. officer time.
- There was a question from the public regarding the laws on e-bikes. Sgt. Teague reported that the laws have not caught up with the technology.
- A. Bobby asked about who sets fines for traffic citations. Most of the fines are set by Penn-DOT.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

- R. Burkins made a motion to adjourn. A. Bobby seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.
- The next regular SRPC meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 1, 2026, at 7PM at the New Freedom Borough Office, 47 East High Street, New Freedom, PA 17349.