

FIFTH MEETING

*Serious and Deadly
Force Investigation
Taskforce*

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Agenda

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Updates

2 – 2:15pm

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**Values &
Expectations**

2:15 – 2:30pm

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Recommendations

2:30 – 4:50pm*

*10 minute break at 3:30pm

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Next Steps

4:50 – 5pm

Updates

I-940 Update

Since the Last Meeting

I-940 Update

Washington Supreme Court sends police use-of-force initiative to the November election ballot

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File photo of the Washington state Supreme Court in Olympia, Wash. (Rachel La Corte / AP)

The Washington state Supreme Court has ruled that an initiative that would make it easier to prosecute law-enforcement officers who have allegedly misused deadly force must go on the November election ballot.

Since the Fourth Meeting

- One-on-one meetings with Taskforce members
 - Check in
 - Review and receive input on values definitions and expectations
 - Review and receive input on “questions for consideration”
- Consult with CPC Community Engagement Committee to develop community engagement proposal for Taskforce

Community Engagement Proposal

Communities

Work with community-based organizations who represent the following communities, communities that are most disparately impacted by policing, to assemble 10 to 20-person groups to learn about the Taskforce's recommendations and provide feedback. Provide compensation.

- Native
- Black
- Latinx
- Southeast Asian/Pacific Islander
- Unhoused
- Youth
- LGBTQ
- East African
- Immigrant and Refugee
- SPD Patrol
- Muslim

Presenters

3 individuals present the Taskforce's recommendations and facilitate the meetings.

- 1 Taskforce member
- 2 CPC staff: 1 policy, 1 community engagement

Presentation

Clarify the current investigation process, identify points of tension, and review recommendations by the Taskforce. Vet presentation with host organizations and community partners. Presentation includes:

Engagements

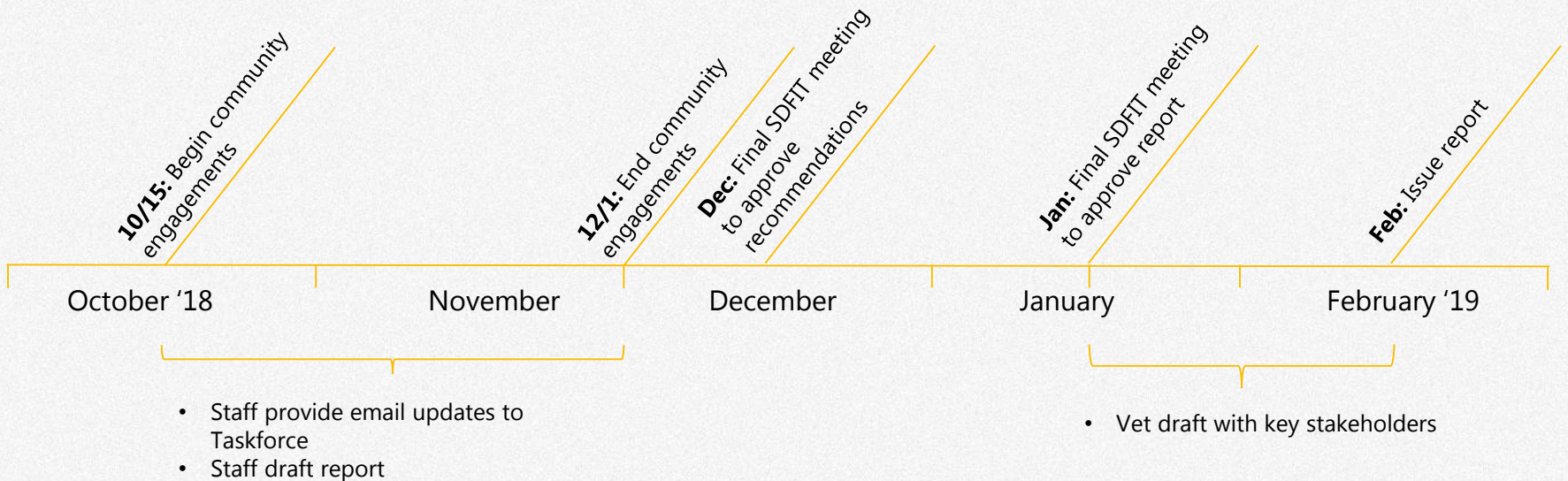
Hold one engagement for each group for a total of three hours, in three parts.

- 1st: Present the Taskforce's recommendations
- 2nd: Community group meets without Taskforce present to discuss the recommendations
- 3rd: Community group provides feedback to Taskforce

Action Items

- Vote on community engagement proposal
- Identify a small group to work on community engagement

Timeline



Action Items

- Agree on timeline

Values & Expectations

Scope of Work

City of Seattle Resolution 31753

CPC shall convene meetings with and lead stakeholders in **assessing the feasibility of establishing mechanisms to use investigation and review processes wholly external to SPD for cases involving serious and deadly uses of force**, and provide any recommendations adopted by the stakeholder group to the Council for consideration.

Values

Trust: Community and police have confidence in the investigations of police officers' serious and deadly uses of force. (Also: **Credible**)

Clear: The investigation process and reports are clear and consistent so that community and police understand them. (Also: **Understandable**)

Fair: The investigations are conducted in a manner that is impartial and is not biased against the police or the victim.

Informative: The investigations produce information that is useful for determining a finding or revealing the truth of a matter.

Objective: The investigations are conducted in a neutral manner, without favoring the police or the victim.

High-Quality: The investigations are of high caliber, and investigators utilize generally accepted investigative and evidentiary techniques.

Respectful: Investigators treat involved people, such as victims, suspects, witnesses, family members, and officers, with respect and dignity at the scene and throughout the investigation process, including adopting a response protocol that includes an immediate acknowledgement and recognition of the impact of the incident, a neutral stance, a clear commitment to conducting a full and fair investigation, and information concerning the type of investigation to be conducted and its timeline.

Timely: Investigations are conducted efficiently and effectively.

Thorough: Investigations are exhaustive, in which all relevant details and leads are examined.

Transparent: The community and police understand the investigation process and understands how to access information about each investigation such as investigation reports. | 10

Action Items

- Vote on values

Expectations

1. Investigators have expertise and experience in conducting high-profile, complex criminal investigations.
2. Investigators can and do respond to each incident promptly.
3. Investigators have sufficient capacity and resources to carry out high-quality, timely investigations.
4. Investigators collect and publish data on key metrics such as timeline.
5. Clear definitions and policies govern the investigations.
6. The investigation process protects against conflicts of interest and appearances of conflicts of interest.
7. The Taskforce's recommendations consider potential collateral consequences of changes to the current investigative process.
8. The Taskforce's recommendations include the need to identify and implement measures to reduce the number of encounters that result of serious and deadly uses of force.

Action Items

- Vote on expectations

Recommendations

*Proposal for Developing
Recommendations*

*Recommendations
Exercise*

Proposal for Developing Recommendations

- Develop a “menu” of options for City Council’s consideration, highlighting the breadth of research conducted by the Taskforce.
- Make recommendations for both systems:
 - A system with internal investigations
 - A system with external investigations
- In addition to informing the City about Seattle’s process, inform the City’s recommendations to the state.
- Community engagement on the Taskforce’s recommendations will be a focused polling of Seattle on various options for City Council to consider.

Action Items

- Vote on recommendations approach

Recommendations Exercise

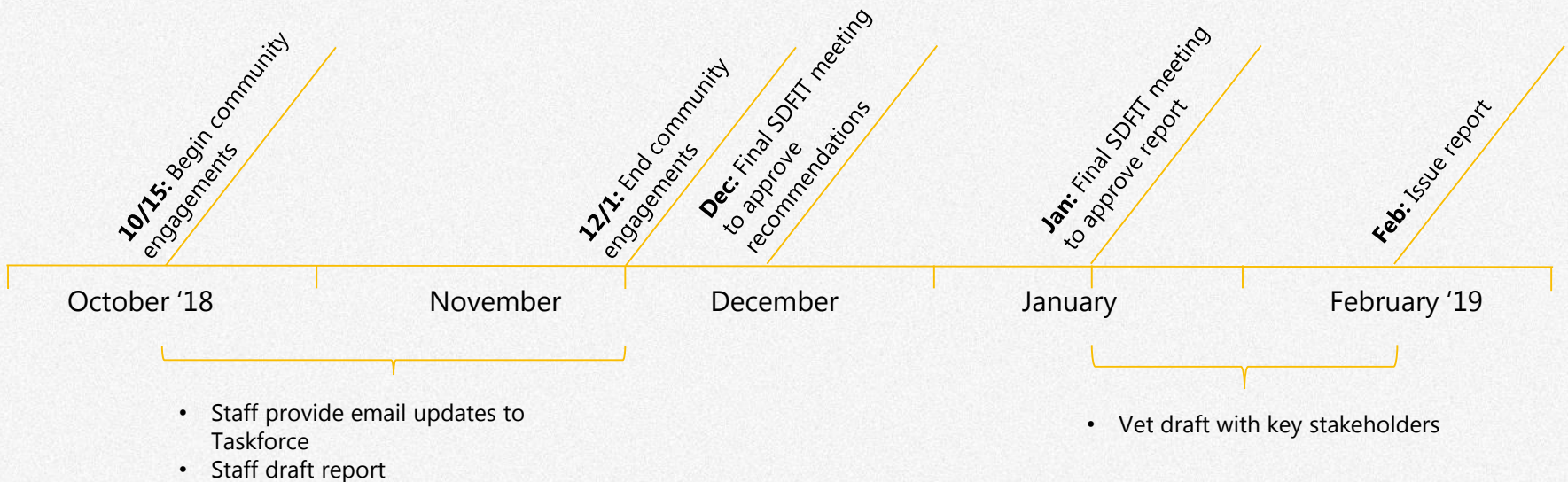
1. Who conducts the investigations?
2. What are the investigators' minimum qualifications and training requirements?
3. Who identifies and/or collects evidence? What are their minimum qualifications and training requirements?
4. Who oversees (supervises) investigations and what does it entail?
5. Who provides oversight (reviews) investigations? What does it entail?
6. What requirements related to investigations are in policy or law?
7. What happens outside of, but related to, investigations to improve the process as a whole?
8. How does the process control for bias and conflict of interest?
9. How can the investigation and related processes be more helpful and least harmful to the families involved?
10. What are statewide strategies to continuously improve investigations of serious and deadly uses of force?

Action Items

- Refer to Recommendations Workbook to answer questions to formulate recommendations.

Next Steps

Timeline



Action Items

- Discuss: What do we need to know from community to make informed recommendations to City Council?

End