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for consideration by the Apex Town Council

Item Type: TOWN COUNCIL
COMMITTEE REPORTS
Meeting Date: October 13, 2026

Item Details

Presenter(s): Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor, Public Safety Committee Chair
Edward Gray, Public Safety Committee Member
Department(s): Governing Body

Requested Motion

Receive as information an update on the Public Safety Committee meeting held on Thursday, October 01, 2026.

Approval Recommended?

N/A

Item Details

The Public Safety Council Committee held its initial meeting on Thursday, October 1, 2026. The Committee is chaired by Mayor Jacques K. Gilbert, with Councilmember Edward Gray serving as the other Committee member. The Committee's work focuses on public safety policy matters involving police, fire, emergency medical services, and emergency management, providing an opportunity for focused discussion and review of matters referred by the Town Council.

During the meeting, the Committee reviewed its purpose and operating framework and received an update on the Town's Emergency Management Program. Staff highlighted ongoing efforts to strengthen emergency preparedness, including updates to emergency operations plans, improvements to emergency communications and response coordination, and priorities for continued training and planning.

The Committee also discussed electric bicycles (e-bikes) and potential ordinance amendments in response to recent changes in State law taking effect December 1, 2026. Staff was directed to evaluate regulations adopted by other municipalities, review available regulatory authority, and develop potential recommendations addressing safety, enforcement, and community education. Time-sensitive recommendations are anticipated to return to the Committee in November.

Additionally, the Committee held an initial discussion regarding the Town's Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) Program, focusing on balancing public safety benefits with resident privacy concerns, transparency, data access, retention, and internal safeguards. Staff was asked to provide additional information and policy considerations to assist the Committee in evaluating the program's future, particularly in advance of the current contract's January 31, 2027 expiration. No formal recommendation regarding the ALPR Program was made during this meeting, with additional discussion being anticipated in December.

The Committee also reviewed the proposed Axon Agreement involving DroneSense software and interview room cameras. Following discussion, the Committee reached consensus to recommend approval of the Agreement by the full Town Council, with the item scheduled to return for consideration on October 13, 2026.

The Committee received a legislative update highlighting recent State law changes affecting public safety operations, law enforcement personnel, and municipal responsibilities. The Committee also established a regular meeting schedule for the first Thursday of each month at 3:00 p.m., beginning November 5, 2026, with the understanding that the schedule may be adjusted as necessary.

Mayor Gilbert and Councilmember Gray will provide the Town Council with a high-level recap of the Committee's discussions, recommendations, and anticipated next steps.

Attachments

- TR1-A1: Public Safety Council Committee Agenda Packet - October 01, 2026
- TR1-A2: DRAFT Meeting Minutes - Public Safety Committee Meeting October 01, 2026

