Board of Supervisors
Safety and Security Committee

April 7, 2026, 1:30 p.m.
Government Center Conference Room 11

Board of Supervisors (Board) Members present:

Rodney Lusk, Franconia District (Committee Chair) – In Person
James Walkinshaw, Braddock District (Vice Chair) – In Person
Jeff McKay, Chairman – In Person
James Bierman, Dranesville District – In Person
Walter Alcorn, Hunter Mill District – In Person
Andres Jimenez, Mason District – In Person
Dan Storck, Mount Vernon District – In Person
Dalia Palchik, Providence District – In Person
Pat Herrity, Springfield District – In Person
Kathy Smith, Sully District – In Person

The Safety and Security Committee (Committee) meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

Office of the Independent Police Auditor (OIPA) 2025 Annual Report: 1:35 p.m.

Independent Police Auditor Richard G. Schott presented the Office of the Independent Police Auditor's 2025 Annual Report. Schott summarized 111 active cases including reviews of Fairfax County Police Department (FCPD) investigations into officer-involved shootings, in-custody deaths, public complaints, and complaints about use of force. Mr. Schott also said there were 98 complaints of use of force, with the most common allegations being unspecified, takedowns, and assaults. He added that as of December 31, 2025, the backlog of retroactive reviews has been eliminated.

Mr. Schott made recommendations regarding two officer-involved shootings. Mr. Schott recommended FCPD General Order (G.O.) 540 VII. E. be changed to include domesticated and non-domesticated animals. The policy would then read: "Use of Deadly Force Against Animals: Officers may use deadly force to incapacitate domesticated or non-domesticated animals that are attacking or threatening to attack any human or another animal, or that appear to be rabid." Mr. Schott also recommended that FCPD not use deadly force to apprehend a fleeing misdemeanant.

Supervisor Lusk asked questions regarding case completion, use of force allegations, and the pending FCPD recommendation. Mr. Schott said case completion is based on prioritizing allegations and noted that the work of his office would continue under his successor. He explained that the 30 unspecified use of force allegations consisted of complaints alleging use of force without providing context regarding the incident. Mr. Schott also said the proposed revision to FCPD General Order 540 VII. E. would soon be incorporated.

Chairman McKay asked about the timeline for completing case reviews. Mr. Schott said he prioritized cases based on when complaints were received by his office, and he also kept complainants informed throughout the review process.

Police Civilian Review Panel (PCRP) 2025 Annual Report: 2:15 p.m.

Police Civilian Review Panel (Panel) Liaison Craig Miles presented the Panel's 2025 Annual Report on behalf of Panel Chair Bryon Garner.

Mr. Miles gave an overview of the Panel's purpose and structure. He also shared key takeaways from the Annual Report regarding training sessions at the Community Police Academy, Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy and training provided by the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE). Mr. Miles discussed Mr. Garner's question, "How can we perform oversight better?" Mr. Garner framed his term as Panel Chair around that question.

Mr. Miles spoke about the Panel's community engagement efforts, which are coordinated by the Panel Analyst. He highlighted events such as Providence Day, Culmore Day, and a couple of the Panel's monthly meetings at community centers across multiple districts.

Regarding complaint intake and the review process, Mr. Miles said complaints increased from thirty-two in 2024 to forty-eight in 2025, resulting in more subcommittee meetings to review cases. He also said the most common allegation in 2025 was an officer's failure to file a report or investigate an incident. Mr. Miles identified cases involving minors as a delay in the Panel's review process because FCPD was required to redact body-worn cameras, names, and other identifying information before the Panel could review the case. He added that Fairfax County's legislative team worked with the Arlington County police oversight team to pursue legislation that would eliminate the redaction requirement, with the goal of expediting the review process in those cases. He noted that the legislation was awaiting the Governor's signature.

Supervisor Lusk asked about strategies to address further increases in complaints being made to the Panel. Mr. Miles said scheduling more subcommittee meetings could help to address the volume of complaints.

Chairman McKay asked for elaboration on "community benchmarks tied to trust and equity." Mr. Miles said it might involve conducting outreach in communities where trust issues exist and using data from the improved complaint intake process. Chairman McKay acknowledged Panel Staff's participation in community events. Supervisor Sizemore-Heizer suggested outreach to organizations serving the neurodivergent community. Supervisor Palchik acknowledged the Panel's community engagement work and suggested engagement with organizations serving victims of domestic violence. Supervisor Storck suggested that the Panel begin notifying complainants by United States Postal Service about their ability to request a review.

Additional Information: N/A

The Committee meeting adjourned at **3:02 p.m.**

The next Committee meeting is October 20, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.