

**Community Policing Board
Regular Meeting Minutes**

City Hall Conference Room
6:30 p.m., Thursday, November 20, 2025

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Introduction of New Board Member and Re-Introduction of Existing Board Members

The Chair introduced a newly appointed board member and provided a brief overview of the member's background and experience.

Existing board members introduced themselves.

3. Consideration of Approval of Meeting Minutes: September 18, 2025

Motion made and seconded to approve the meeting minutes.

- Motion: M. Sanders
- Second Motion: L. Ferguson
- Motion passes for approval

4. Discussion and Consideration of Cancellation of the December 18, 2025 Meeting

It was noted that a quorum would not be available due to scheduling conflicts. Motion made and seconded to cancel the December meeting.

- Motion: S. Tohlen
- Second Motion: L. Ferguson
- Motion passes for approval

5. Discussion and Consideration of the 2026 Community Policing Board Meeting Schedule

Discussion included timing of planned community engagement activities. Staff indicated coordination would occur to ensure appropriate scheduling.

Motion made and seconded to approve the 2026 meeting schedule.

- Motion: H. Varacchi
- Second Motion: M. Sanders
- Motion passes for approval

6. Discussion and Consideration of Q3 2025 Community Policing Board Quarterly Report to Mayor and Council

a) Discussion Regarding Quarterly Reporting

Staff discussed the development of a pilot quarterly report intended to provide additional information to elected officials.

The report would offer high-level highlights of Board discussions and agenda items. Feedback from elected officials would be used to determine future continuation or expansion to other boards.

Questions were raised regarding presentation and reporting requirements. It was clarified that no formal annual report is currently required.

b) Consideration of Q3 2025 Quarterly Report

A vote was required to approve the compiled report for distribution.

- Motion: M. Sanders
- Second Motion: L. Ferguson
- Motion passes for approval

7. Chief's Update

Crime Trends

Overall crime trends were reported as stable to decreasing, including reductions in property-related offenses.

a) Fiscal Year Budget Overview

An update was provided on budget considerations, including previously approved equipment proposals intended for use at large community events.

The department anticipates flat funding in the upcoming fiscal year, with the majority of expenditures allocated to personnel.

Additional discussion included revenue sources and the projected impact of tax allocations on departmental funding.

Additional Remarks

The Chief addressed recent community concerns related to sensitive crime response, emphasizing the importance of victim-centered practices, evidence-based training, and compliance with training requirements.

Corrective actions and process improvements were discussed.

The Chief highlighted the role of the Board in facilitating difficult but constructive dialogue and reaffirmed a commitment to transparency and continuous improvement.

8. Discussion of Police Department Sexual Assault Response

a) Procedures and Training

Staff and partners discussed advocacy services, including victim support, accompaniment, counseling resources, and coordination with law enforcement.

Advocacy organizations operate independently while supporting individuals throughout the reporting and recovery process.

Questions were raised regarding training requirements, partnerships, and safeguards to ensure compliance.

Department leadership confirmed corrective actions and safeguards have been implemented.

b) Community Education and Outreach Proposal

A proposal was discussed to host a community-focused educational or advocacy event in collaboration with partner organizations.

The purpose would be to increase awareness of available resources and support community engagement.

Board members discussed format, timing, scope, and whether the event should be led or co-hosted by other entities.

The item was continued for further discussion at a future meeting.

9. Discussion of the Blue Envelope Program

An overview was provided on the successful rollout of the program in partnership with regional agencies.

Plans for additional outreach and communication were discussed.

The program was cited as an example of collaborative problem-solving.

10. Discussion of "Stop Safe (Teen Driver & Traffic Stop)" Information Card

The department reported ongoing internal discussions regarding implementation. Potential involvement of school-based officers was noted.

Item continued.

11. Discussion and Consideration of Scout Engagement Event

A proposal was presented for a pilot educational event designed to provide youth participants with exposure to public safety careers and requirements. Logistics, capacity, supervision, and resource needs were discussed.

Motion made and seconded to approve moving forward with the pilot event.

- Motion: S. Tohlen
- Second Motion: M. Sanders
- Motion passes for approval.

12. Report from Community Policing Board Members

Board members shared observations and suggestions related to public awareness initiatives and community engagement programs.

The Chief provided clarification on scheduling and promotion of department-led outreach events.

13. Citizen Comments

Members of the public addressed the Board on matters related to community policing, crime victim advocacy, and departmental practices.

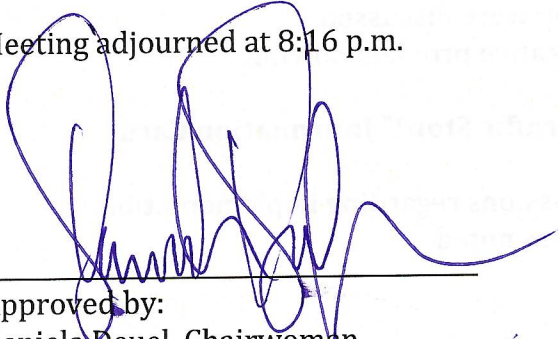
Comments included requests for data transparency, accountability, and continued dialogue. Written materials were submitted for Board consideration where applicable.

14. Adjournment

Motion made and seconded to adjourn.

- Motion: L. Ferguson
- Second Motion: S. Tohlen

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.


Approved by:
Daniela Deuel, Chairwoman

01/15/2024
Date:



Quarterly Report to the Mayor and Council
Reporting Period: Quarter 3, 2025 (July to September)
Date approved by Board:
Date Submitted:

This quarterly report provides a summary of the Edmond Community Policing Board's (CPB) discussions, activities, and outcomes from the past three meetings. It highlights key issues of interest, upcoming priorities, and references agenda items corresponding to each monthly meeting.

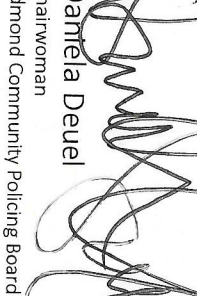
Items of Interest / Key Highlights

Description	Outcome/Action Taken	Meeting Date	Agenda Item
Faith & Blue Weekend (National initiative that brings together law enforcement agencies and houses of worship)	Victory Church of Edmond plans to acknowledge Edmond Police Department (EPD) and first responders during its service on Sunday, Sept. 14	08/21/2025	Item 6
Citizen Comments RE: Sexual Assault Experience	Citizen expressed concerns over handling of their sexual assault case with EPD; CPB added discussion of EPD response to future meeting agenda	08/21/2025	Item 13
Discussion of Edmond Police Department Sexual Assault Response	Invited department personnel to present the EPD's process and role in sexual assault cases—from incident through prosecution	09/18/2025	Item 5
Blue Envelope Program (voluntary initiative designed to improve safety and communication during law-enforcement interactions for people who have communication, sensory, or neurological differences, through self-identification of extra accommodations)	Planned collaboration with metro-area law enforcement agencies to publicly launch the Blue Envelope Program in October	09/18/2025	Item 6
Safe Deal Zones (Designated parking spots for safe, in-person exchanges—ideal for online sales, custody handoffs, or other meetings.)	Proposed and completed relocation of Safe Deal Zone signs to improve visibility and access; signs were moved to 1st Street in front of the old Municipal Court.	09/18/2025	Item 8
Community Conversations – “Partners In Protection: how the public schools and law enforcement work together to ensure student safety”	Preparing for annual event hosted at UCO in partnership with Edmond Public Schools; invited panelists include EPS executive administrators, EPD School Resource Officer (SRO) Supervisor and two SROs, and the Oklahoma County Sheriff's Office Community Services Division	09/18/2025	Item 9

Upcoming Priorities

- Continued discussion of the Edmond Police Department's sexual assault response, including exploration of community education and advocacy needs related to sexual assault and victims' rights.
- Ongoing implementation of the Blue Envelope Program in coordination with metro-area law enforcement agencies; public launch planned for October 2, 2025.
- Community Conversations event scheduled for October 2, 2025, hosted in partnership with UCO and Edmond Public Schools.

Respectfully submitted,


Daniela Deuel
chairwoman
Edmond Community Policing Board