

**Southern Police Commission
Continuation Meeting
Presentation of Staffing Management and Budget Consultant's Draft Report
February 21, 2017**

A public continuation meeting of the Southern Police Commission was held on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at the New Freedom Borough Council Chambers, 49 East High Street, New Freedom, PA 17349.

Commission Members Present: Chief Boddington, Roy Burkins, Brady Terrell, Peter Schnabel, John Trout, Jeff Halapin, Buck Buchanan, Rollin Apgar, Robert Herzberger

Commission Members Absent: Jeff Blum

Alternate Members Present: Bruce Merrill, Mike Sharkey, John-Paul Whitemore, Doug Young, Victoria Ribeiro, Kenton Kurtz

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Trout at 19:03 with the pledge of allegiance to the flag and a moment of silence in remembrance for police, fire and EMS responders who have given their lives in service to their communities.

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Trout introduced the police management consultant and presenter for the meeting, Mr. Ronald Smeal.

CONSULTANT'S PRESENTATION

Mr. Ronald Smeal presented the Draft of a report entitled A STUDY OF THE STAFFING, MANAGEMENT, BUDGET, ADMINISTRATION AND FUNDING FORMULA OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Both empaneled and alternate Commissioners present participated in a lively discussion regarding the content of the Draft Study.

The discussion was opened to the police department officers and staff, as well as community leaders and community members present, for their questions and observations. Included in the comments, Sgt. Smuck observed that there appears to have been some of the Department-provided information used to prepare the findings and recommendations in the study that is inaccurate or incomplete. Refined information will be provided to Mr. Smeal to help him provide more accurate findings and recommendations in the final study report.

Chief Boddington requested patience of the Commission and community as he and his staff work with Mr. Smeal to refine available information to produce a more accurate study report and PPU-based budget proposal.

MOTION:

Buck Buchanan moved to retain Mr. Smeal's services for additional work with our Department staff and to gather and refine root information. Consulting charges are not to exceed \$2000.00. The motion was seconded by Jeff Halapin. The motion carried unanimously.

21:33 - Jeff Halapin made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Roy Burkins. Motion carried.