

**The City Manager's Task Force to Examine the Future of Public Safety in Cambridge**

*Co-Chairs: Councillor Marc C. McGovern and Councillor E. Denise Simmons*

February 16, 2021 from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

Present: Councillor Denise Simmons, Co-Chair  
Councillor Marc McGovern, Co-Chair  
Imam Dr. Khalil Abdur-Rashid, Muslim Chaplain at Harvard University  
Ty Belliti, My Brother's Keeper  
Chandra Banks, Ed.M, Cambridge Resident/CPS Conflict Mediator  
Dr. Branville Bard, Cambridge Police Commissioner  
Brian Corr, Cambridge Peace Commission/Police Review Advisory Board  
Loren Crow, Cambridge Resident and Management Consultant  
Louie DePasquale, Cambridge City Manager  
Leo Gayne, East Cambridge Savings Bank  
Sam Gebru, Cambridge Resident, Black Economic Council of Massachusetts  
Christina Giacobbe, Director of Emergency Communications and 911  
Rev. Jaron Green, Senior Pastor, Union Baptist Church  
Rev. Ireene Monroe, Cambridge Resident  
Cathy Pemberton, LICSW, Camb. Resident, Healthcare/Wellness Consultant/  
System Navigation Specialist  
Christopher Schmidt, Cambridge Resident  
Dr. Rae Simpson, Cambridge Resident/mental health advocate/NAMI  
Tina-Marie Johnson, Cambridge resident/Cambridge Youth Council Facilitator  
Rev. Ellis Washington, St. Paul AME Church

Absent: Queen-Cheyenne Wade, The Black Response

The City Manager's Task Force to Examine the Future of Public Safety in Cambridge met on February 16, 2021 from 5:00pm to 6:30pm. The meeting began with Councillor Marc C. McGovern, Councilor E. Denise Simmons, Police Commissioner Branville G. Bard, and City Manager Louis A. DePasquale welcoming the Task Force members and introducing the presenters:

Christina Giacobbe, Director of Emergency Communications and 911; and Dr. James Barrett, CPD's Director of Clinical Support.

In the first presentation, Christina Giacobbe spoke to 911 data and how the Cambridge Police Department responds to mental health emergencies. Christiana spoke to call volume, Emergency Telecommunications Dispatchers (ETD), Role of ETD, Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD), Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD), EMD – Chief Complaint (Psych/Suicide).

Christina Giacobbe's presentation can be viewed here:

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In the second presentation, Dr. James Barrett spoke to the history of CPD prior to the Youth and Family Service Unit in 2008, the organizational structure of the Family and Social Justice Section, the Sequential Intercept Model, the FSJS Case Management Process, Cambridge's Response to Mental Health, Juvenile Diversion Program and its outcomes.

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The meeting concluded with questions from Task Force members regarding the presentations. After closing remarks, Councillor McGovern and Councilor Simmons adjourned the meeting.

The next Task Force meeting was set for Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.