

Public Safety Recruitment Task Force
Background Information

November 21, 2013	Fire Recruit Graduation 42 graduates, no African Americans Only 25% from Wyandotte County High Schools
December, 2014	Mayor meets internally with staff County Administrator, Fire Chief, and Human Resources
January 20, 2014	Martin Luther King, Jr. event Mayor announces commitment to address recruiting Mayor reaches out to US Attorney Grissom
February 25, 2014	State of the Government Mayor Commits to bring in Department of Justice
April 23, 2014	Data Gathering with Department of Justice
July 11, 2014	Data Gathering with Department of Justice
August 9, 2014	Michael Brown shooting in Ferguson, Missouri
August 26, 2014	Data Gathering with Department of Justice
August 28, 2014	Public Announcement of Process
Sept. & Oct. 2014	Commissioners Appoint Representatives
December 11, 2014	First Mayor's/ DOJ Public Safety Recruitment Task Force Meeting
January 28, 2015	Second Mayor's/ DOJ Public Safety Recruitment Task Force Meeting

The initial Data Gathering meetings have included:

Ms. Rita Valenciano, Department of Justice
Mr. Darryck Dean, Department of Justice
Mayor Mark Holland
Doug Bach, County Administrator
Renee Ramirez, Human Resources
Don Ash, Sherriff
Ellen Hanson, Chief of Police

John Paul Jones, Chief of Fire
Rev. Jimmie Banks
Bill Miller, Former UG Commissioner
Irene Caudillo, El Centro
David Smith, USD 500
Cedric Patton, NAACP
Virginia Sewing, NAACP

A larger community task force will include many listed above, in addition to:

A representative for each UG Commissioner
Kansas City, Kansas Community College
Donnelly College
All Wyandotte County School Districts
Members of all three public safety unions
Members of Black Firefighters, Black Police Officers, and Latino Police Officers Associations

Beginning last December 2014, the Task Force agreed to:

- 1) Hold public forums to gain community wide input
- 2) Evaluate current practices
- 3) Develop an action plan for the future
- 4) Completion will be April of 2015 for budget consideration

Future Public Task Force Meetings:

- Wed. January 28th at 3p
 - Tues. February 17th at 2p
 - March TBD
 - Tues. April 7th at 2p
- 5th Floor Conference Room*

DOJ Public Hearing Date:
Thursday, February 5th at 7pm
Commission Chambers