

MINUTES

CRIMINAL & JUVENILE JUSTICE INFORMATION AND BUREAU OF CRIMINAL APPREHENSION ADVISORY GROUP MEETING MINUTES

February 5, 2025
10:00 am – 2:00 pm
BCA

Attendees

Advisory Group Members:	Organization
Bartell, Diane	BCA
Beaumaster, Paul	Minnesota County Attorneys Association
Bigham, Karla	Minnesota Association of Counties
Bodie, Marv	Minnesota Association of Counties
Evjen, Jesse	Minnesota Sheriff's Association
Gronvall, Tamar	Department of Administration
Heck, Troy	Minnesota Sheriff's Association
Jaszewski, Karen Kampa	Minnesota Supreme Court
Mastin, Mike	Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association
Pavlov-Shapiro, Anya	Minnesota Attorney General
Reitz, Nate	MN Sentencing Guidelines Commission
Siolka, Lindsay	Board of Public Defense
Willert, Amy	Minnesota Association for Court Management
Clawson, Amanda	BCA
Evans, Drew	BCA
Gotz, Dana	BCA
Kukade, Deepak	BCA
Langan, Rick	BCA
Roth, Tom	BCA
Sanchez, Angie	BCA
Schimke, Emily	BCA
Woltman, Troy	BCA

Welcome and Introductory Items

Advisory Group Chair Paul Beaumaster called the meeting to order. Roundtable introductions were made. Beaumaster announced the retirement of Mark Ostrem, Advisory Group member representing the Minnesota County Attorneys Association. A quorum was not present, so approval of the November 2024 minutes could not be voted on.

BCA Fusion Center Overview and Tour

Assistant Special Agent in Charge/Fusion Center Deputy Director Tom Roth presented an overview of the Minnesota Fusion Center. The MNFC is comprised of both sworn and civilian staff to collect, evaluate, analyze and disseminate information throughout Minnesota and nationally. The MNFC works as a partnership with government, law enforcement, public safety and the private sector to protect homeland security.

Criminal Intelligence Analyst Rick Langan presented on the Threat Liaison Officer program, which is a training program available to any sworn or unsworn law enforcement, emergency service personnel, military, public health professional, private, nonprofit or other public sector employee with a role in the security in their respective discipline. Threat Liaison Officer Basic Training, a new training course driven by the Fusion Center, will certify the above mentioned people group to be a Threat Liaison Officer with the MNFC and partner agencies.

ASAIC Roth finished the presentation with a tour of the newly completed Fusion Center.

Advisory Group Bylaws Updates

Diane Bartell provided an overview of intended changes to the Advisory Group bylaws, which included the updated name change and updated terminology to reflect the 2024 statute update. The group discussed how to gain more members, specifically more diverse members. Dana Gotz asked the members to consider a curated, diverse list of suggestions and recommendations created by a Diversity subcommittee, chaired by Advisory Group member Barbara Carson. Discussion of further changes to the bylaws will be tabled to the next meeting.

Legislative and BCA Updates

Superintendent Evans provided updates on previously mentioned legislative proposals. Two proposals being pushed through the current session include updating the Unmanned Aerial Vehicle law to include use during police pursuits, and banning childlike sex dolls and AI-generated Child Sexual Abuse Material.

In addition, Evans reinforced that all bodycam-worn and other video footage is not physically able to be posted publicly within 30 days of Use of Force incidents on the BCA website due to the volume of video and the time it takes to review and redact. BCA is requesting for authority to limit the scope of the extraneous video that is required to be posted within 30 days to only the specific event, while not changing data classification.

Evans asked for funding to develop a more robust, real-time, Minnesota-specific Missing Persons database to include trends and categories helpful to Minnesota law enforcement. He also mentioned the new BCA Financial Crimes and Fraud Section that transferred the previous Commerce Fraud Bureau to the BCA through a Governor's Executive Order and subsequent Dept. of Administration Reorganization Order effective February 7, 2025. The BCA is asking for 3 FTEs in the Governor's budget for forensic accounting and prosecutorial support.

Evans stated that he continues to advocate for dedicated program administration support for the Advisory Group.

Member Updates

Advisory Group members provided updates regarding their respective organizations.

May agenda items:

- Updating the Advisory Group bylaws.
- Violent Crime Dashboard Overview and Demo

Next Meeting:

May 14, 2025
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The meeting adjourned.