CITIZENS POLICE REVIEW BOARD MEETING CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE CITY HALL 8TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM 100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA 33301 September 10, 2012 – 6:00 P.M.

1/2012 – 12/2012 Cumulative Attendance

Board Members	Attendance	Р	Α
Alan Stotsky, Chair	Α	6	1
James Jordan, Vice Chair	Р	7	0
Lt. John Appel	Α	4	3
Marc Dickerman	Р	7	0
Ted Fling	Р	5	2
Lt. Glenn Galt	Α	6	1
Eileen Helfer	Р	7	0
Officer Nina Justice	Р	4	3
Roosevelt Walters	Р	6	1

It was noted that a quorum was present for the meeting.

Staff

Sergeant Michael Dodson, Internal Affairs, Fort Lauderdale Police Department Sergeant David Cortez, Internal Affairs, Fort Lauderdale Police Department

Communications to City Commission

None.

A. Roll Call

Vice Chair Jordan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll was called and it was noted a quorum was present.

B. Approve Minutes from July 9, 2012

Motion made by Ms. Helfer, seconded by Mr. Dickerman, to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2012 meeting. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

C. General Information

None.

D. Review the following Internal Affairs investigation

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Complainant: Chief Franklin C. Adderley (IA Case 12-086)
 Allegation: 1. Response to Resistance – Deadly Force

2. Fleeing Vehicle

Officer: Steven Smith
Disposition: 1. Exonerated
Officer: Jared Gross
Disposition: 2. Sustained

Motion made by Mr. Dickerman, seconded by Ms. Helfer, to accept the findings of Case 12-086.

Mr. Fling stated that he did not see what Detective Gross, against whom an allegation was sustained, had done wrong during the incident. Officer Justice explained that the Detective who was driving had violated policy by chasing a vehicle that was known to have been involved in auto theft. She advised the Officer who was driving was informed he could only give chase if the incident was a forcible felony. The Detective did not have information confirming the commission of a felony at the time he gave chase, although it was later confirmed that this was the case.

Mr. Fling requested clarification of what allegations were sustained or not sustained. Sgt. Dodson explained that Detective Gross received a counseling slip for his technical violation of the pursuit policy, as the charge against him was sustained.

Mr. Walters commented that when a charge is sustained, the Board is typically asked to make a recommendation regarding punishment if they agree with the findings and disposition. Sgt. Dodson said in this case, there was a Use of Force review, in which Detective Smith was exonerated; while Internal Affairs determined that Detective Gross had violated policy by pursuing the vehicle, this violation was not considered to warrant disciplinary action, and Detective Gross was instead given a counseling slip and retraining in policy.

Mr. Fling noted that while he had no complaint with the manner in which the investigation was handled, he felt this piece of information should have been included in the report.

In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

Officer Justice asked to see a copy of the counseling slip issued to Detective Gross.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

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