



**HEARING NOTES**

**Resolution: 22-0091R**

**Informational Hearing - The Effects of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder on First Responders**

**Committee:** Health, Environment, and Technology

**Chaired by:** Danielle McCray

**Hearing Date:** February 1, 2023

**Time (Beginning):** 10:00 AM

**Time (Ending):** 11:05 AM

**Location:** Du Burns Council Chamber / Webex

**Total Attendance:** Approximately 35 people

**Committee Members in Attendance:**

Danielle McCray      James Torrence      Phylicia Porter

- Bill Synopsis in the file? .....  YES     NO     N/A
- Attendance sheet in the file? .....  YES     NO     N/A
- Agency reports read? .....  YES     NO     N/A
- Hearing televised or audio-digitally recorded? .....  YES     NO     N/A
- Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file? .....  YES     NO     N/A
- Evidence of notification to property owners? .....  YES     NO     N/A
- Final vote taken at this hearing? .....  YES     NO     N/A
- Motioned by: .....
- Seconded by:.....
- Final Vote: .....

**Major Speakers**

*(This is not an attendance record.)*

- Vernon Herron, Police Department
- Charles Svehla, Fire Department
- Kristy Brinn, Fire Department
- Jennifer Triaca, Fire Department
- Norman Coleman, Baltimore City Public Schools
- Kevin Hayes, Sherrif's Office
- Quinton Herbert, Department of Human Resources
- Marcia Colins, Department of Public Works

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**Major Issues Discussed**

1. Chairwoman McCray called the hearing to order, introduced the committee members in attendance, and discussed the issue of trauma experienced by first responders.
2. Agency representatives discussed the importance of providing support to first responders, as well as the programs and services offered to those who have experienced trauma.
3. Agency representatives responded to committee member questions.
4. Chairwoman McCray recessed the hearing.

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**Further Study**

**Was further study requested?**

**Yes**     **No**

**If yes, describe.**

The committee may hold additional meetings on this resolution in the future. The committee also requested the following additional information from the agencies:

1. Data on the use of the Employee Assistance Program by Environmental Police, as well as other first responders and first responder adjacent personnel not covered by separate assistance programs, broken down by agency (DHR)
2. Information on how BPD is making police officers aware of the 988 Lifeline as a resource for themselves (BPD)
3. A timeline for making any necessary operational changes to better balance staffing across fire stations based on higher exposure to traumatic events (BFD)

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**Committee Vote:**

D. McCray: .....

J. Bullock: .....

M. Conway: .....

R. Dorsey: .....

P. Porter: .....

J. Torrence: .....

I. Schleifer: .....

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Matthew L. Peters, Committee Staff

Date: February 2, 2023

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