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NAACP Police Department Meeting
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Beloit NAACP Criminal Justice Committee members and the Beloit Police Department Command Staff agree to work together to reach coexisting goals of safety and legitimacy.

Dr. Dennis Baskin and Chief Norm Jacobs came out of the second two hour meeting of a series with a good understanding of contemporary issues in urban law enforcement. Chief Jacobs and Deputy Chief Dunkin answered many contemporary questions from members of the committee including Chairman Dr. Dennis Baskin, Barbara Hickman, Pastor James Ivy, Mr. Ralph Berkley, Ms. Dorothy Harrell J.D., Ms. Pat Majeed, Ms. Regina Dunkin, Ms. Sheila De Forest, Ms. Mary Jo Weaver, Ms. Rosie Street, Dr. Brenda Atlas, Mr. Pearlee Jackson, Pastor Kevin Pullam, Ms. Shirley Williams, Ms. Tammie King, Mr. Dwight Crawford and Ms. Dorothy Crawford.

Several topics were discussed during the meeting including police sub stations, minority recruitment, personal body cameras, community outreach, crisis de-escalation, making police complaints, and police department reviews. Most importantly the future was discussed.

Dr. Baskin and Chief Jacobs pledged support for increasing all efforts to make Beloit an even better place to live. These efforts will include community base projects or programs helping stem the violence and increase communication between members of our community.

One simple idea coming out of the meeting was from Pastor Ivy. The suggestion was to get communication started between police officers and young members of the community who normally do not have the opportunity to associate with officers. An effort such as this can break down barriers leading to better communications in times of crisis in our community.

The NAACP committee and the Beloit Police Department plan on continuing these proactive efforts in the future. We encourage everyone to take steps to increase action, communication and understanding in the community.