

Civilian Oversight Presentation at Bennington FireHouse

The Town of Bennington's Select Board will host a presentation by the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) on Thursday, July 15 from 6:00 – 7:30 pm at the Bennington Fire Facility. Brian Corr, immediate past-president of NACOLE, and current Executive Director of the Police Review & Advisory Board for the City of Cambridge, Massachusetts and Executive Director of the Cambridge Peace Commission will lead the presentation.

The presentation will describe different civilian oversight models used around the country and is part of the development of a Safety and Equity Board for the Town of Bennington. Following the presentation, there will be time for questions and discussion.

NACOLE's presentation marks the opening of the application process for a Safety and Equity Taskforce to develop a Town Board to ensure safety, accountability, transparency, and trust in the community and to move Bennington toward achieving its vision of becoming "a welcoming, engaged, inclusive, and resilient community where everyone, regardless of identity, shares in our vitality and benefits from an outstanding quality of life".

The Town of Bennington has hired NACOLE as a consultant to assist the Taskforce in its work. The application for Taskforce membership will be available on the Town of Bennington's website on Friday, July 16. The final Taskforce proposal and charge can be found at <https://benningtonvt.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Safety-and-Equity-Proposal.pdf>

For those unable to attend, the presentation will be covered by CAT-TV.

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