



Chief's Community Advisory Committee Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. What is the Chief's Community Advisory Committee (CCAC)?
The Chief's Community Advisory Committee (CCAC) is a group of 10 members of the Riverdale Park community. We have 9 adult residents or business owners and 1 high school student. The committee hopes to facilitate open, honest, and direct interactions between the residents of Riverdale Park and their police department.
2. What is the purpose of the CCAC?
The main purpose of the CCAC is simply to facilitate communication between the Riverdale Park community and the Police. More specifically, the CCAC aims to educate the community about services provided by the Riverdale Park Police and engage the community on community-oriented policing programs. The CCAC also educates the Police Department about needs within the community. The CCAC may also provide feedback to the Police Department regarding planned law enforcement priorities and programs.
3. How large is the CCAC?
The CCAC itself is made up of 10 members. However, all meetings are public. We encourage everyone to attend.
4. Who can be a member of the CCAC?
Any adult resident of Riverdale Park is eligible to serve on the CCAC. There is space as well on the CCAC for a high school student living in Riverdale Park. If you are not a resident of Riverdale Park, but still have sufficient interests within Riverdale Park e.g. own a business, you may serve on the CCAC as well.
5. How do I apply to the CCAC?
Applications for the CCAC are available at <http://www.riverdaleparkmd.info/police/> or in-person at the Riverdale Park Police Station at 5004 Queensbury Road, Riverdale Park, MD, 20737. Completed applications must be submitted to the Police Department in person accompanied by proof of identity. All applicants must authorize the Riverdale Park Police Department to conduct a criminal background history check.
6. Is a criminal history background investigation required to serve on the CCAC?
Yes. Due to the sensitivity and confidentiality of issues that may be discussed, all CCAC members must authorize the Riverdale Park Police Department to perform a criminal history background investigation.
7. Who should I talk to for more information on the CCAC?
Please contact the Chief of Police, David Morris, at dmorris@riverdaleparkmd.gov or (301)

Riverdale Park Police Department
5004 Queensbury Road
Riverdale Park, MD 20737
(301) 927-4343



927-4343. You may also contact other members of the CCAC. Current members of the CCAC can be found at <http://www.riverdaleparkmd.info/police/>.

8. Who selects the members of the CCAC?

The Chief of Police selects the members of the CCAC from the pool of CCAC applications available at the time a seat becomes vacant.

9. If I have a criminal history, can I serve on the CCAC?

Yes! Simply having a criminal history does not exclude you necessarily from serving on the CCAC! The Chief of Police has the sole discretion to determine an applicant's suitability for serving on the CCAC.

10. How often does the CCAC meet?

The CCAC meets every other month or 6 times a year.

11. Where does the CCAC meet?

The CCAC meets at Riverdale Park Town Hall, 5008 Queensbury Road, Riverdale Park, MD, 20737.

12. What happens if I agree to serve on the CCAC, but I can't attend all of the meetings?

We certainly hope all members will be able to allocate the time required to be a productive member of the CCAC. However, things do happen. In that case, a member is allowed to miss up to 2 regular meetings during a one year period. If a member misses more than 2 meetings in a one year period, the member may be removed from the CCAC by a vote of the committee.

13. Are the meetings open to the public?

Yes, all CCAC meetings are open to the public. Please join us!

14. What sorts of issues will be discussed by the CCAC?

In general, most issues related to the Riverdale Park community and our police force may be discussed at CCAC meetings. There are some topics, however, that we are legally restricted from discussing, e.g., personnel matters, active criminal investigations, matters prohibited by statute.

15. Does the CCAC investigate complaints against the Police Department or specific officers?

No. The CCAC acts in an advisory capacity only. The CCAC does not hold any review or investigative powers. If you have complaints about the Riverdale Police Department, you should contact the Riverdale Park Police Department and file a formal complaint.