

Panel Discussion
Tuesday August 4, 2020 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
Virtually Hosted by Mitchell Community College

Mitchell Community College, as a part of their role as the higher education leader in the county will host a panel conversation on the topics of Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) that the College provides as well as how local law enforcement agencies are provided resources and fiscal support.

Panelist will include staff and instructors from the BLET program at Mitchell Community College as well as local law enforcement representatives.

Panelists include:

Todd Carver Mitchell Community College BLET Director and Instructors.

Chief David W. Addison, Statesville Police Department.

Chief Ron Campurciani, Mooresville Police Department.

Captain Matt Burleyson, Iredell County Sheriff Department.

Welcome

Dr. Tim Brewer, President

Moderator

Dr. Beverly Brown,
College Director of
Equity and Inclusion

Questions for panel conversations

BLET Training

1. Could you provide a summary of the curriculum set by the state for BLET?
 - Is placing the knee on a suspect's neck a method taught in the BLET Program and training, and if it is not what are the students taught about this method?
 - What are the students taught about shooting a suspect in the back?
 - What are students taught about when it is appropriate to draw their gun or their taser?
 - Do officers from each of the departments or divisions on the panel have to wear Bodycams, and if so, is it mandatory for the cams to be turned on at the initiation of a vehicle stop or house call, etc.?
2. What mental health screenings are in place for potential officers?
3. What mental health training is offered related to psychological disorders that officers may see on duty?
4. What implicit/unconscious bias training is in place?
5. How are issues related to racial profiling addressed in basic law enforcement training?

Resources and Fiscal Support

1. We have heard a lot about Defunding Law Enforcement Agencies. How are the represented agencies funded?
2. What would it mean for your agency if you were defunded or experienced Resource Reallocations?
4. What do officers need more of to help them effectively serve our community?
5. How can we, as citizens, best support and show our appreciation for our officers?

Logistics:

This discussion will be hosted by Mitchell Community College using Zoom. This virtual platform has a limited number of seats for audience participation. Sign-Up-Genius will be used to allow any individual that may like to participate join. The College will be responsible for managing these aspects.

The moderator will have control of the meeting and during the conversation. Questions will not be taken from the audience to allow time to move through the questions.

15 minutes will be allowed at the end of the conversation and the “Chat” box will be opened to field as many questions as possible. If some questions are not answered during this time frame we have the ability to save the questions and respond electronically.

Additionally, the panel discussions and conversations will be recorded.