

SEARCH WARRANT TASK FORCE

Search Warrant Task Force
November 15, 2021
1:00 p.m. ET
Capital Complex East
1024 Capital Center Drive, Suite 200
Frankfort, Kentucky

Minutes

- I. Meeting Called to Order
 - a. The meeting was called to order by Attorney General Daniel Cameron.
- II. Roll Call
 - a. Members Present: Denise Bentley, Bryan Bogard, Foster Cotthoff, Charles Cunningham, Jeff Gregory, Nicolai Jilek, Ed Massey, Ramon McGee, Joe Monroe, David L. Nicholson, Damon Preston, Mike Rogers (proxy for Phillip Burnett Jr.), Joseph Ross, Walt Sholar, Elizabeth Thomas, Whitney Westerfield, and George Wright.
- III. Opening Comments
 - a. Attorney General Cameron provided opening comments and reminded attendees about the public speaking policy.
- IV. Old Business
 - a. Approval of Minutes
 - i. Bogard made a motion to approve the minutes from the October meeting. Cunningham seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
- V. New Business
 - a. Presentation from Ms. Victoria Lopez
 - i. Ms. Victoria Lopez with Isaiah House provided a presentation about her experience with a search warrant. Ms. Lopez was in a residence where a no-knock search warrant was served at approximately 11:30 p.m. Ms. Lopez shared that based on her experience, she would recommend that, when possible, a search warrant be executed without children present. She also recommended that a social worker be present during the service of warrant when children are present. Ms. Lopez answered questions about her experience.
 - b. Presentation from the Serving Committee

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- i. Thomas provided an introduction for the Serving Committee’s presentation and stated that the committee had several considerations for the larger Task Force, including:
 1. Training of law enforcement officers on search warrants, both at the beginning of their careers and annually/biannually through the remainder of their careers.
 2. Providing greater information to the public on the process for serving search warrants.
 3. Developing some written policies and procedures for all law enforcement agencies in the Commonwealth. These written procedures would include a “Search Warrant Toolkit” that utilizes a threat assessment, pre-execution briefing, and after-action review.
- ii. The Task Force discussed the recommendations.
- c. Committee Meetings
 - i. Attorney General Cameron provided committee instructions and reminded the committee members that they should be prepared to present recommendations to the Task Force at the November 22, 2021, meeting. Attorney General Cameron stated that recommendations adopted by the Task Force should be adopted unanimously but that there will be an opportunity for individual members to include additional comments.
 - ii. Task Force members broke off into committee meetings. The committees are Securing, Reviewing, and Serving.
- d. Committee Reports
 - i. Bogard provided an update for the Serving Committee. He said the committee met and came to agreement on recommendations that will be provided to the larger Task Force.
 - ii. Bentley provided an update for the Securing Committee. She said the committee will provide recommendations that will be categorized as mandatory, best practices, and aspirational.
 - iii. Massey provided an update for the Reviewing Committee. He said the committee will have three recommendations for consideration by the Task Force and may also draft a resolution for consideration by the General Assembly.
- e. Meeting Dates

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- i. There will be a special meeting of the Task Force on Monday, November 22, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. ET at Capital Complex East, 1024 Capital Center Drive, Suite 200, Frankfort, Kentucky.
- VI. Public comments
 - a. There were no public comments.
- VII. Bogard made a motion to adjourn. Massey seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.