

Interview with Thomas Glover, candidate for Lafayette Chief of Police

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Present - Josh Guillory (Mayor-President), Cydra Wingerter (Chief Administrative Officer), Robert D. Benoit (Chief of Staff)

1. What's broken with LPD?

Answer:

- Same as the rest of America
- Not always as big or small as they seem
- Perception is reality
- Have to do all from top down – as MP @ CEO, as Chief @ Dept Head, has to work with everyone; ministers, business people in suits, meet with community activists in hoodie and sneakers (BLM, Black Panthers)
- Perception of LPD and relationship with community – sit down with people and work with them – people who say “stop killing black people.”
- Listen, show empathy, sympathy
- Bridge gap in a statesmen way
- PD needs tweaking – set tone, example by dress, way of carry – improve morale – command respect, not demand respect – team player – educate yourself – assess the situation (SWOT analysis)
- Meet with MP, Chief Morgan, Police Union
- it was noted that the Fire Dept Chief has his department under control and Mr. Thomas said he would be in control.

2. How would you have handled the Treyford Pellerin situation?

Answer:

- Mr. Glover drove the route
- Cannot do anything to put the city in jeopardy
- Take care of the family – release the video to them
- Cannot be seen as lagging – don't rush, be expedient, don't just sit around 4-5 days
- put officers on paid leave – protect officers' rights

3. How would you operate the Park Police?

Answer:

- Precinct approach and document

4. How would you irradiate panhandling:

Answer:

1. Ordinance
2. Random/impromptu enforcement
3. Undercover officer/sting

5. How would you address training?

Answer:

- In the Treyford situation, would have deployed a net
- mental illness training – critical illness training
- Right Care Team – Officer partnered with social worker

6. What would be your approach to community policing?

Answer:

- Mr. Glover was the Lieutenant, third overall, of community policing and community engagement
 - Junior Police Academy
 - Gave analogy of weeds in yard
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