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I listened to the three candidates answer each question by the interviewer on the public videotape of police chief candidates.

Steven Johnson seems to have the most practical background and came across as most personable and sincere. John Patterson appears to be the most experienced but his arrogance may be a hindrance as a police chief. I was drawn to the best communicator, Stephanie Drescher. She has made rapid advancement in the police force which appears to be due to her strong efforts and multi approach attitude. If I had the police chief deciding vote I would choose her. But, of course, only an insider could know if she would be respected as chief so early in her career.

I hope those with the power to choose will do more intense research on the three very qualified candidates and make a wise choice. Thank you for letting the public weigh in. Sincerely,

Kathryn Kleckner, city resident since 1980.