

Norwalk Board of Police Commissioners

**Mayor Harry W. Rilling
Commissioner Charlie L. Yost
Commissioner Fran Collier-Clemmons**

CITY OF NORWALK BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 18, 2019

ATTENDANCE: Mayor Harry Rilling; Commissioner Charles Yost; Commissioner Collier-Clemmons

STAFF: Chief Thomas Kulhawik; Deputy Chief Susan Zecca; Deputy Chief James Walsh; Lieutenant Terry Blake

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rilling called the meeting to order at 4:15PM. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 21, 2019 AND NOVEMBER 8, 2019 SPECIAL MEETING

**** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 21, 2019 AS SUBMITTED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH ONE ABSTENSION-MAYOR RILLING.**

**** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 8, 2019 AS SUBMITTED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

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RECOGNITION-OCTOBER OFFICERS OF THE MONTH

(Officer David Busch, Officer Matthew Nyquist and Officer Nelson Figueroa)

Chief Kulhawik said that the officers had responded to an emotionally disturbed individual who was threatening to shoot his sister and the individual told the dispatcher that when the officers arrive he was going to try and get them to shoot him. He said when the officers arrived they had confronted the individual in a safe manner and were able to deescalate the situation and were able to take him into custody without any instance. Mayor Rilling said sometimes these instances turn into a huge tragedy but the officers used their training to deescalate the situation.

Officer David Busch, Officer Matthew Nyquist and Officer Nelson Figueroa came forward and were offered congratulations by the Board. Pictures were taken and Officers received a certificate.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Patrol Staffing- October

Deputy Chief Walsh reported and said that for the month of July there are currently 176 sworn personnel; there are currently three vacancies in patrol and there are two officers that remain on extended worker's compensation for extended injuries. He said the workers compensation days used were down from previous months and that 177.25 sick days were used. Mayor Rilling asked how that compares to other months. Deputy Chief Walsh said it is higher than normal.

Selective Enforcement Report

Deputy Chief Walsh reported on the significant incidents for the month of October and said that there were five burglaries of motor vehicles and that the detective bureau had done a fantastic job in arresting the juveniles that were responsible; there were three residential burglaries, two commercial burglaries and two robberies for the month; and there were no shootings, homicides or overdoses and there were two investigations of sexual assaults.

Deputy Chief Walsh reported on the significant operations and said that they have stepped up enforcement at Norwalk High School for the illegal U-turn violations and that the School Resource Officers have been doing enforcement at 7:00AM and at dismissal. He said there were

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11 infractions issued in October, and since the beginning of November 20 infractions were issued.

Deputy Chief Walsh said that enforcement is ongoing for parking violations and vehicles parked on the sidewalk on Winfield Street.

Deputy Chief Walsh said that the Community Services Division has partnered with the Newtown Foundation and the Wilton Quaker Meeting to host a gun buy back event that was held on October 19th and that 41 firearms were turned over.

Deputy Chief Walsh said that Officer Haggerty was named Traffic Safety Officer of the year, and the Traffic Unit received the gold award for traffic enforcement from AAA.

Deputy Chief Walsh said the platoons conducting selective enforcement as manpower allows for traffic violations at intersections identified as high crash areas.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Training Report (October)

Deputy Chief Zecca reported and said that most of the training was for annual firearms training and ESU training. She said there was also some advanced training for the detectives for crime scene and arson and that Chief Kulhawik, Deputy Chief Walsh, Lieutenant Cunningham and she had attended a mandatory legal updates training.

Deputy Chief Zecca said the two laterals will be starting on December 9, 2019.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

Course Approval- Deputy Chief Susan Zecca

**** COMMISSIONER YOST MOVED TO APPROVE THE COMPARATIVE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEMS FOR DEPUTY CHIEF SUSAN ZECCA.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Course Approval-Deputy Chief James Walsh

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**** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE PUBLIC ETHICS COURSE FOR DEPUTY CHIEF WALSH.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Course Approval- Officer James Barron

**** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE IDS 101, ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND LAB, CONSTITUTIONAL LAW, ETHICS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE, MENTAL HEALTH/SUBSTANCE ABUSE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND CAPSTONE 1 AND 2 COURSES FOR OFFICER JAMES BARRON**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Tuition Reimbursement – Officer Brendan Collins

**** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE TUITION REIMBURSEMENT FOR OFFICER BRENDAN COLLINS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1485.00**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Drop Request- Officer Andy Kovlakas

**** COMMISSIONER YOST MOVED TO APPROVE THE DROP REQUEST FOR OFFICER ANDY KOVLAKAS COMMENCING ON DECEMBER 1, 2019 ENDING ON NOVEMBER 30, 2024.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Complimentary Letters

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Chief Kulhawik said that he received a letter from Liz McDermott regarding a noise complaint that Officer Jose Silva and George Daily had responded to and stated that they had done an exceptional job.

Chief Kulhawik said that complimentary letter was received from Kari Pesavento thanking a number of people especially from the Special Victims Unit for their effort at the KIDZFEST.

Chief Kulhawik said that he received a complementary letter from Suzanne Vieux stating what a great job Officer Wasilewski had done helping her with a case and the family can now achieve some justice in the tragedy.

Chief Kulhawik said that he received a complementary letter from Christine Melfi of Mobile Crisis for Officer DeVito, Officer Haddy and Officer Smith for assisting them on a crisis on Old Rock Lane.

Chief Kulhawik said that he received a phone call from Mr. Poruban complimenting Officer Nieves for helping him change a tire on Main Avenue on November 9, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

**** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 4:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dilene Byrd