

Norwalk Board of Police Commissioners

Mayor Harry W. Rilling
Commissioner Fran Collier-Clemmons
Commissioner Kelly Straniti

CITY OF NORWALK BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING July 19, 2021

ATTENDANCE: Mayor Rilling; Commissioner Straniti; Commissioner Collier-Clemmons

STAFF: Chief Thomas Kulhawik; Deputy Chief Susan Zecca; Deputy Chief James Walsh

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rilling called the meeting to order at 4:30PM. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JUNE 21, 2021.

On page 6 change "commissioner's" to "commissioners".

**** COMMISSIONER STRANITI MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 21, 2021 AS AMENDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

RECOGNITION

(Civilian Award- Morgan Saunders)

Mayor Rilling said that Morgan Saunders is a lifeguard that works at Calf Pasture Beach who saw a situation and acted quickly and professionally and her efforts were effective and was an amazing response. He said many lifeguards and people including police officers go through an entire career without ever needing to save a life and she had this situation that she was confronted with in her first full year as a lifeguard, and the City of Norwalk is very proud of her as well as everybody that is in the room today. Ms. Rowe and Mr. Rowe came forward and introduced their daughter Alexis and thanked Ms. Saunders for saving their daughter and said she is their angel.

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Councilwoman Young said it is an amazing thing Ms. Saunders did for this young lady and her family and she hopes they have a bond that will last forever because they will never forget each other and thanked Ms. Saunders for her courage.

(The commissioners offered Morgan Saunders congratulations and presented her with a civilian award)

(June Officers of the Month- Officer Richard Holmes, Officer Matthew Nyquist and Officer Hector Delgado)

Chief Kulhawik said that on June 27, 2021, there was a report of a male lying in the middle of the road on Lowe Street who was unresponsive. The officers performed CPR and realized it was probably a drug overdose and administered Narcan several times with limited results. He said the individual was brought to Norwalk Hospital and became responsive after several more does of Narcan and survived the incident and want to recognize Officer Richard Holmes, Officer Matthew Nyquist and Officer Hector Delgado with a lifesaving award as well as officers of the month for June.

(The commissioners offered Officer Richard Holmes, Officer Matthew Nyquist and Officer Hector Delgado congratulations)

Mayor Rilling left the meeting at 4:53PM.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Patrol Staffing

Deputy Chief Walsh reported and said for the month of June there were currently 173 sworn personnel and that there are eight patrolmen vacancies. He said the sworn personnel used 176.25 sick days, 169 workers compensations days and seven officers are on extended workmen's compensation and three officers are on light duty.

Selective Enforcement Report

Deputy Chief Walsh said Detective Bureau remained steady and investigated shots fired at the Meadow Gardens playground where one subject was truck, shots fired at 25 West Main Street, a stabbing at the Norwalk Hospital where an arrest was made. He said they also implemented a new significant incident tracking form.

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Deputy Chief Walsh said that Special Services opened 24 cases and increased pro-active SNET activity to address hot spots related to the recent uptick in shootings. He said they also assisted the DEA with a long term investigation and executed warrants in town arresting a main subject, and have been proactive in addressing the Washington Street crowding issue.

Deputy Chief Walsh said the Special Victims Unit remained busy with 33 open cases in the month of June, and there is an ongoing investigation into the untimely death of an infant and the ME results are pending. He said they also assisted all high school and middle school graduation ceremonies.

Deputy Chief Walsh said the Traffic Unit remained busy and 128 stops for the month of June.

Deputy Chief Walsh said that Community Services continue to do selective traffic enforcement in response to resident complaints as well as enforcement and traffic monitoring on High Brook Road.

Deputy Chief Walsh said the Marine Division had 120 calls for service, six infractions and made one felony arrest.

Deputy Chief Walsh said the total criminal arrests for the month of June was 179 and there were 4747 patrol division calls for service. He said the total enforcement for the month resulted in 215 infractions and enforcement and activity continued to be strong.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Training Report- June

Deputy Chief Zecca reported and said they are finishing up the review credit training and of note held a course in autism awareness, N.C.I.C. recertification and alcohol and drug facilitated sex assault investigation. She also said that two supervisors attended a First Line Supervisor class at the Greenwich Police Department.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

Tuition Reimbursement- Sergeant Rafael Fonseca

****COMMISSIONER STRANITI MOVED TO APPROVE THE TUITION REIMBURSEMENT FOR SERGEANT RAFAEL FONSECA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 1468.13**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Approval of revised Police Manual

Commissioner Collier- Clemmons noted that there are some typos that need to be corrected in the revised Police Manual.

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**** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE REVISED POLICE MANUAL AS AMENDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Complimentary Letters

Chief Kulhawik said he received a complimentary email for Officer Proto for his help with a domestic dispute and convincing her husband to go to marriage counseling.

Chief Kulhawik said he received a complimentary email from Marc McGrath, Stamford Director of Operations and the Chairman of the Patriotic and Special Events Commission thanking the Honor Guard for their participation in the Stamford Memorial Day Parade.

Chief Kulhawik said he received a complimentary email for Lieutenant Dinho for not only protecting our community but going above the call of duty and setting a great example for our children.

Chief Kulhawik said he received a complimentary email from Chief Shaw of the Stamford Police Department for all the motorcycle officers that attended the funeral service for Officer Rakocy's son.

Chief Kulhawik said he received complimentary emails for Officers Lovallo and Wasilewski for the great job they did on 36 Witch Lane.

Chief Kulhawik said he received a complimentary email from Chief Kalamaras of the Fairfield Police Department thanking the members of the Marine Division for their support with the fireworks.

ADJOURNMENT

**** COMMISSIONER STRANITI MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:25PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Dilene Byrd