

Norwalk Board of Police Commissioners

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

CITY OF NORWALK BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING FEBRUARY 5, 2020

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

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rilling called the meeting to order at 4:17PM. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 16, 2019

On pages one and three change “Ms. Straniti” to “Commissioner Straniti”

**** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES
OF DECEMBER 16, 2019 AS AMENDED**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

RECOGNITION- DECEMBER OFFICERS OF THE MONTH (Officer James Barron & Officer Andrew Roncinske)

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Chief Kulhawik said on December 28, 2019, Officers Barron and Roncinske were on their normal enforcement patrol on Chestnut and Merritt Street when they observed a vehicle driving in a suspicious manner veer towards them. He said they were able to stop the vehicle and upon conducting their investigation it resulted in locating a .357 revolver that was in glove compartment and the operator of the vehicle was a previously convicted felon.

Officer Barron and Officer Roncinske came forward and were offered congratulations by the Board. Pictures were taken and Officer Barron and Officer Roncinske received a certificate.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Patrol Staffing- December

Deputy Chief Walsh reported and said that for the month of December there were currently 178 sworn personnel and that Officers Brent Crawford and Matthew Sauer were hired on December 6, 2019, and there is one vacancy in patrol. Officer Lindsey Taylor was promoted to Detective and Detective John Bell returned to Patrolman. He said that 128.25 workers compensation days used by a total of 18 operations personnel, four officers are on extended leave and 183.75 sick days were used.

Selective Enforcement Report

Deputy Chief Walsh reported on the Detective Bureau activities and said that they remain busy and are having significant follow up's with credit card theft.

Deputy Chief Walsh reported on the Special Services and said that an arrest of Kimani Williams was made and that he is a convicted felon and was found with a loaded .357 handgun

Deputy Chief Walsh reported on the Special Victims Unit and said that Detective Lapak arrested Eddie Gonzalez on an extradition warrant from Miami, Florida charging two counts of sexual assault in the first degree and two counts of a risk of injury to a minor. He said there was also an arrest of an individual for risk of injury whose child was found at daycare with heroin in the in a shoe.

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Deputy Chief Walsh reported on Community Policing and Community Services and said that they have participated in the Wreaths across America; the annual stuff a cruiser toy collection; the 25th annual children's Christmas Party and the traffic unit has issued 45 citations.

Chief Kulhawik said beginning January 1, 2020, Lieutenant Blake went from the Community Services Unit to the Special Victims Unit; Lieutenant Roncinske went from the Special Victims Unit to the Internal Affairs Unit; Lieutenant Hume went from Internal Affairs to the Patrol Unit and Lieutenant Zwickler went from the Patrol Unit to the Community Services Unit. Mayor Rilling commended Lieutenant Blake for his remarkable job he had done in Community Services. Chief Kulhawik said that Lt. Blake will continue to be the backup for Community Service and will continue to do the social media.

Deputy Chief Walsh reported on the Patrol Division and said that they had received 4,202 calls for service.

Deputy Chief Walsh reported on the Selective Enforcement Report and said the infractions were up slightly from 2018.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Training Report (December)

Deputy Chief Zecca reported and said they are completing the annual firearms and Taser qualifications. She outside of that most of the training has been review credit on the monthly training for specialized units. Some of the Firearms and Use of Force Instructors attended a three day summit related to use of force issues.

Deputy Chief Zecca said the annual awards ceremony will be held on February 20, 2020 at 6:00PM at City Hall.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

DROP REQUEST- SERGEANT THOMAS FERN

Chief Kulhawik said that Sergeant Fern has filed all of the proper paperwork for the drop plan commencing on April 1, 2020 and ending on March 31, 2025.

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- * COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE DROP REQUEST FOR SERGEANT THOMAS FERN.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

TUITION REIMBURSEMENT (2) -DEPUTY CHIEF SUSAN ZECCA

- * COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE TUITION REIMBURSEMENTS FOR DEPUTY CHIEF SUSAN ZECCA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,526.00 AND \$1,664.00**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

TUITION REIMBURSEMENT (2)-DEPUTY CHIEF JAMES WALSH

- COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE TUITION REIMBURSEMENTS FOR DEPUTY CHIEF JAMES WALSH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2999.70 AND \$1,485.00**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

TUITION REIMBURSEMENT- LIEUTENANT JARED ZWICKLER

- ** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE TUITION REIMBURSEMENT FOR LIEUTENANT JARED ZWICKLER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$893.75**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

TUITION REIMBURSEMENT- SERGEANT DAVID ORR

- ** COMMISSIONER STRANITI MOVED TO APPROVE THE TUITION REIMBURSEMENT FOR SERGEANT DAVID ORR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,920**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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TUITION REIMBURSEMENT- SERGEANT RYAN EVARTS

**** COMMISSIONER STRANITI MOVED TO APPROVE THE TUITION
REIMBURSEMENT FOR SERGEANT RYAN EVARTS IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$1,445.00**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

TUITION REIMBURSEMENT- DETECTIVE BRENDAN COLLINS

**** COMMISSIONER STRANITI MOVED TO APPROVE THE TUITION
REIMBURSEMENT FOR OFFICER BRENDAN COLLINS IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$1,485.00**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

TUITION REIMBURSEMENT- OFFICER KELLY HADDY

**** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE TUITION
REIMBURSEMENT FOR OFFICER KELLY HADDY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$869.69**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

TUITION REIMBURSEMENT- OFFICER DAVID VAZQUEZ

**** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE TUITION
REIMBURSEMENT FOR OFFICER DAVID VAZQUEZ IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$1445.00**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

COURSE APPROVAL- DETECTIVE PATRICK ENGLISH

**** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE COURSE
APPROVAL FOR DETECTIVE PATRICK ENGLISH**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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**** COMMISSIONER STRANITI MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE TUITION REIMBURSEMENT FOR OFFICER EDGAR GONZALEZ SUBJECT TO CHIEF KULHAWIK AND MR. DOCIMO VERIFYING THE AMOUNTS THAT WERE PAID AND REPORT BACK TO THE COMMISSION AT THE NEXT MEETING.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

COURSE APPROVAL- OFFICER EDGAR GONZALEZ

**** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE COURSE APPROVAL FOR OFFICER EDGAR GONZALEZ**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

COURSE APPROVAL-SERGEANT RYAN EVARTS (MISSING FROM DRAFT)

****COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE COURSE APPROVAL FOR SERGEANT RYAN EVARTS.**

****THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Complimentary Letters

Chief Kulhawik said that a complimentary letter was received for Lieutenant O'Connor thanking him for taking the time to speak with regarding a case and its related issues.

Chief Kulhawik said that complimentary letter was sent to Mayor Rilling thanking Sergeant Fonseca for teaching the AAA driver improvement course for seniors at the East Norwalk Library.

Chief Kulhawik said that he received a complementary letter thanking Officer Wasilewski for his involvement in the car seat safety program.

Chief Kulhawik said that he received a complementary letter for Sergeant Orr and patrol did an exceptional job in moving all of the students from Nathan Hale to Norwalk High School during an evacuation.

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Chief Kulhawik said that a voice mail was forwarded to him from Diane Winston complimenting Officer Michael Mancini and Officer Daniel Sefcik who had responded to her house alarm.

Chief Kulhawik said that he received a complementary letter for Officer Sixto for taking control and directing traffic at the corner of Rt. 53 and Rt. 1.

2019 Sick Time Attendance

Chief Kulhawik reported on the police and civilian personnel who have had perfect attendance for calendar year 2019.

Dress Code Revision

Chief Kulhawik said the commission had requested information regarding the religious exemptions and they have reached out and received various policies for other communities and will incorporate them into a policy. Mayor Rilling requested that the commission is sent a copy of the policy to review once it is complete.

ADJOURNMENT

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

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dilene Byrd