

Town of Ridgefield Police Commission Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 9, 2026 at 7:00 pm
Meeting Location: Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street
UNAPPROVED

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Sharon Dornfeld (Chair), John Frey, Ralph Money & Stephen Riebling

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Issy Caporale (Secretary)

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Jeff Kreitz, Major Nick Fowler & Amy Platt

These minutes are a general summary of the meeting and are not intended to be a verbatim transcription.

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Ralph Money to approve the June meeting minutes. Seconded by Stephen Riebling. Motion carried 4-0.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

3. COMMISSION CORRESPONDENCE

A. Voicemail – None

B. Written Correspondence – None

- 1) Chair Dornfeld received an email from a resident of 308 N. Salem Rd. who is concerned about speeding on Rte. 116.

4. OLD BUSINESS – None

5. NEW BUSINESS – None

6. CHIEF'S REPORT

A. Traffic / Sign Report – Installation of a new stop sign on Grove Street & Old Quarry is scheduled for late July.

B. Training & Public Relations Report – Submitted by Cpt. John Knoche

We continue to check-in with the businesses and monitor areas for improvement. Foot patrols of Main Street, Ballard Park and Ballard Green were completed. During these checks, the Officers spoke to residents, while at the same time, monitoring activity in nearby areas. Specialty Squad held motor vehicle enforcement on Main Street.

There were 31-foot patrols on Main Street in June and 695 security checks, including schools, bank checks, businesses, vacant properties, churches/synagogues and neighborhoods.

A total of 35 public relations events took place during the month, including: the Special Olympics Torch Run with surrounding police departments, Rides to School in a Cruiser, DARE Fair Graduation at Veterans Park Elementary, a Police Ride-Along, building tours and car seat installations.

Ten Officers attended one or more trainings during the month of May.

Upcoming Events:

1) Junior Police Academy (JPA) begins July 20, 2026.

C. Department Statistics

Chief Kreitz shared the Department's monthly incident statistics.

D. Miscellaneous

Chief Kreitz attended a preliminary presentation regarding a Rte. 35 traffic study.

7. UNION PARTICIPATION – No Union business was discussed.

With no further business, John Frey moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm. Ralph Money seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

REMINDER: No August Meeting; Next meeting Thursday, September 10, 2026 at 7:00pm