

MINUTES OF THE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 5:00pm via Zoom

In accordance with the Governor's Executive Order 7B, the in-person open meeting requirements for a public agency have been suspended. As a result, the Public Commission will conduct a public meeting remotely using video/audio conference technology in real time.

Commissioners Present: Marianne Coffin, Chairperson

Via Zoom

George Kain, Secretary

John Frey

Ralph Money

Absent:

Issy Caporale

Also Present:

Via Zoom

Chief Jeff Kreitz

Major Stephen Brown

These minutes are an overview of the meeting; not a verbatim text.

The meeting was called to order at 5:03pm by Chairperson Coffin.
This meeting was conducted via Zoom.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairperson Coffin requested a motion to accept the minutes of the April 8, 2021 Police Commission Meeting. Commissioner Kain made the motion and Commissioner Frey seconded the motion.

Chairperson Coffin requested a motion to accept the minutes of the April 28, 2021 Police Commission Special Meeting. Commissioner Kain made the motion and Commissioner Frey seconded the motion.

All in favor

2. COMMISSION CORRESPONDENCE

A. Voicemail

Commissioner Kain stated he received 4 voicemails from the same person inquiring about the Police Commission vacancy; which at the time the position was already filled. The person stated that we did not need to return their call.

B. Written Correspondence

Chief Kreitz informed the Commission that he received the CT Local Traffic Authority contact form for the Chair's signature.

3. NEW BUSINESS

none

4. OLD BUSINESS

The topics pertaining to this will be covered under the Chief's Report.

5. CHIEF'S REPORT

A. Department Stats

Chief Kreitz reported the total incidents for the month of April was 950. The total stats year to date are 3,793. The stats for year to date last year at this time was 6,217. He highlighted some of the incidents for the month of April which included two reported stolen vehicles. Loki, our K-9, was used twice during the month of April.

B. Traffic/Sign Report

The following report was submitted by PO Mark Caswell, Sign Officer:

Sign Maintenance:

- Replaced the Stop Sign at Nod Road and Davis Lane. Replaced the 25 MPH Speed Limit sign at Silver Spring Road.
- Repaired the Stop Sign at East Ridge Road and Governor Street.
- Replaced the 25 MPH Speed Limit Sign on Wooster Street.
- Replaced the 25 MPH Speed Limit Sign on Prospect Ridge Road.
- Installed a No Outlet Sign on Marie Lane street sign.
- Installed 2 No Thru Truck Signs on Florida Road per State DOT request.
- Installed No Thru Truck Sign on Florida Hill Road per State DOT request.
- Installed 3 No Parking Signs on Cooper Hill Road.
- Replaced the Stop Sign at Lookout Point.
- Repaired the Stop Sign at Old Trolley Road.
- Repaired the Stop Sign at Wooster Street and North Street.

Sign Follow Up:

Prepared a detailed accident statistics and sign report for a resident regarding the Main Street area including the intersection at the fountain located at Main Street and West Lane. We also provided guidance for the

cross walk signage on Main Street and Danbury Road prior to Copps Hill Plaza.

C. Training/PR Report

The following report was submitted by Capt. Shawn Platt,
Division of Professional Standards.

**Ridgefield Police Department
Training & Community Policing/Public Relations Report
April 2021**

Training Attended:

April 5-6: Lt. Fowler and Det. Dardis attended Counter Ambush Tactics training held at HQ presented by Tactical Dynamics in Medfield, MA.

April 5-8: PO Shimko attended Field Training Officer training held at POSTC Academy presented by Sgt. Reilly.

April 15 & 16: Sgt. Gogola, PO Mulvihill, PO Ekstrom, Det. Ryan, and PO Olivares attended EMR Re-Cert Training held at HQ presented by Lt. Smith.

Virtual Training attended:

April 27: Chief Kreitz, Lt. Raines, and PO VanWattum attended Taser Webinar presented by AXON (virtually).

P/R Events:

Drug Take Back — April 25, 2021 — at RPD
Coffee with a Cop — April 25, 2021 — Tazza Café

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A total of 7 Public Relations were performed during the month(s) to include:

- Chief Kreitz was a guest reader to Scotland School students.
- Various talks with downtown shop owners and community members at large.
- Continued stop and talks at houses of worship.
- Multiple Social Media posts of Police Activities & Safety Messages.

Chief Kreitz stated that some upcoming events are the Annual Police Memorial Ceremony which will be held Thursday, May 27 at 10:00 at the Lounsbury House. On June 7 there will be Tip a Cop event with all proceeds going to benefit the Special Olympics of Connecticut. The Tip a Cop event will be held at 850 Degrees. The Special Olympics Torch Run will be on June 18.

Chief Kreitz also reported that so far 105 applicants have responded to the Police App website for the open police officer position. The application process is open until June 1.

Pertaining to the New Building Feasibility Study the Chief stated that the GEO Technical Study at the Old Quarry Road site is done. We are waiting on the results.

6. UNION PARTICIPATION

None

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Commissioner Kain made a motion to go into Executive Session at 5:32pm to discuss Employee Performance. Commissioner Frey seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Police Commission returned to Public Session at 6:00pm. No votes were taken.

Commissioner Money made a motion to adjourn the Police Commission Meeting at 6:00pm. Commissioner Kain seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

George Kain
Police Commission Secretary