**MINUTES OF THE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING**

**Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 7:00p.m.**

**Town Hall Annex**

**66 Prospect Street**

**Anyone requiring special accommodations due to disability is asked to contact Headquarters at 438-6531 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.**

**Commissioners Present:** Marianne Coffin, Chairperson

George Kain, Secretary

Issy Caporale

John Frey

Ralph Money

**Also Present:** Chief Jeff Kreitz

Major Shawn Platt

Captain Bryan Terzian

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Chairperson Coffin.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairperson Coffin requested a motion to accept the minutes of the September 9, 2021 Police Commission Meeting. Commissioner Kain made the motion and Commissioner Money seconded the motion.

**All in favor**

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

1. **COMMISSION CORRESPONDENCE**
2. **Voicemail**

Commissioner Kain received one voicemail message from a resident with a traffic concern in which he previously spoke with by the Chief.

1. **Written Correspondence**

Commissioner Kain received a written roadway permit on 9/30/21.

1. **NEW BUSINESS**
2. **Uniform Division Commander Annual Report**

Captain Terzian updated the Commissioners on the equipment, Accountability Bill and the effect it has had on officers. Captain Terzian went on to explain that officers are active on the roadways conductingCaptain Terzian praised the officers for their professionalism and dedication to the department and the citizens of Ridgefield. He thanked previous School Resource Officer Daly for his years of service as an SRO, and welcomed Officer Samoskevich to the SRO role. He also prasied Officer Caba and Officer Williams for their assistance filling in when needed.

1. **State Project 0174-0424 Semi-Final Design Plan Review**

The Chief has reviewed the plan, and recommends that the pedestrian crossing button remains in place with no change.

1. **PBA Fundraising Letter**

The commissioners addressed a couple of minor concerns with the wording of the letter and suggested corrections to be made before being sent to print. All agreed to the changes.

1. **OLD BUSINESS**
2. **Building Feasibility Study**
3. **CHIEF’S REPORT**
4. **Traffic/Sign Report**

Sign Officer Mark Caswell had nothing to report.

1. **Training/PR Report**

The following report was submitted by Maj. Shawn Platt.

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**Ridgefield Police Department**

**Training & Community Policing/Public Relations Report**

**September 2021**

**Training Attended:**

**Sept. 20-21:** Det. Ryan attended Background Investigation Training held at

Fairfield PD.

**Sept. 24:** Capt. Terzian, Lt. Raines, Sgt. Clarke, PO Luis and PO Gjodesen,

attended annual Firearms Qualification Training at Wooster

Mountain Range.

**Sept. 25:** Sgt. Brown, PO Samoskevich, PO Romero, PO Caswell, PO Ladue,

PO DiFalco, PO Geller and PO McKnight attended annual Firearms

Qualification Training at Wooster Mountain Range.

**Sept. 28-29:** Lt. Gates, Sgt. Brown, PO Romero, PO McMahon, PO VanWattum,

PO Caswell, PO Shimko, PO Geller and PO McKnight attended

Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) Recert held in Ridgefield PD

Training Room.

**Virtual Training Attended:**

N/A

**P/R Events:**

N/A

A total of 13 Public Relations were performed during the month(s) to include:

* Various talks with downtown shop owners and community members at large.
* Continued stop and talks at houses of worship during Holy Days.
* Multiple Social Media posts of Police Activities & Safety Messages.

1. **Department Statistics**

Chief Kreitz reported the total incidents for the month of September was 944. He also highlighted some of the statistics for the month.

1. **UNION PARTICIPATION**

None

1. **EXECUTIVE SESSION - to discuss personnel matters**
2. **Town safety and security deployment of personnel.**

**Commissioner Frey made a motion to go into Executive Session at 9:04 pm to discuss Employee Performance. Commissioner Caporale seconded the motion.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**The Police Commission returned to Public Session at 9:26 pm. No votes were taken.**

**Commissioner Money made a motion to adjourn the Police Commission Meeting at 9:27 pm. Commissioner Caporale seconded the motion.**

**Motion carried unanimously**

Respectfully Submitted,

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George Kain

Police Commission Secretary