

Board of Police Commissioners
Regular Meeting
September 27, 2022
6:00 p.m.
8 Linsley Street
Police Headquarters

At 6:00 p.m. Chairman Larry Lazaroff called the meeting to order.

Present: Chairman Larry Lazaroff, Vice Chairman Robin Wilson, Commissioners Marc Calafiore and Robert Hannon

Absent: Deputy Chief Andrew Stavrides and Commissioner Alden Mead

Others present: Chief Kevin Glenn

Chairman Lazaroff asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2022 Regular meeting. Vice Chairman Wilson made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Hannon. There was no further discussion. All were in favor.

Correspondence:

Chief Glenn received a thank you letter from Charles Sherwood Director of the South Central Criminal Justice Association thanking Lieutenant Cliff Hill for serving as a panelist in a recent oral board testing.

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Lazaroff spoke briefly of the recent swearing in of three police recruits.

Chairman Lazaroff reminds everyone to be mindful of school being back in session and Halloween approaching. Drive careful and be cautious of added pedestrians and children.

Chairman Lazaroff asks residents to be diligent and to lock their cars, homes and vehicles at all times.

Chairman Lazaroff congratulated Deputy Chief Stavrides who is currently attending the FBI National Academy in Quantico Virginia.

Chiefs Report:

With school now being in session for a little over one month, Chief Glenn again reminded everyone to drive safely and to remain conscious of added children walking to school or waiting for buses. Officers continue to run speed enforcement in school zones. Crossing guards are in place daily to assist children at crosswalks.

There is one SRO in every school this year.

Chief Glenn updated the Board on the eight police recruits at various police academies throughout the state.

Budget

Chief Glenn reported the budget is currently at 20.7% and in good shape.

Traffic

Chief Glenn received a letter from a resident with concerns after a recent motor vehicle accident at the intersection of Homewood Avenue and Hartford Turnpike.

Chief Glenn explained this intersection has a history of a high volume of accidents. Traffic Sergeant DePascale completed a study which revealed that most of the accidents are due to failure to yield at the stop signs on Homewood Avenue. Chief Glenn advised the Board that traffic maintenance will move the stop signs and stop bars on Homewood Avenue west and east bound closer to Hartford Turnpike. This change should help with sight lines at this intersection and allow motorists to see oncoming vehicles from a farther distance away.

Chief Glenn spoke of the request for a traffic study last month at the intersection of Hartford Turnpike and Toelles Road. Traffic Sergeant DePascale has been working with town engineers to identify a company to do the work and one has been hired. When the study is completed Chief will bring it to the Board for discussion.

The department is anticipating taking delivery of three new Chevy Tahoe's sometime in December.

Training:

There are two new SROS this year, both of which attended basic SRO training. Recently the other five SRO's attended a juvenile review program and now all seven are up to date with their training.

Officers have been working with several police academies throughout the state for stations day. This training involves the departments new recruits which includes roll playing in several different law enforcement scenarios.

The SWAT team continues to train two days each month.

In August the SWAT team competed in the annual SWAT Challenge which is comprised of SWAT teams throughout the county competing in tactical skills and physical endurance. Chief proudly announced that this year the team ended in ninth place.

Recently the department has been onboarding several new dispatchers. Two of the newest have finished their EMD training which allows them to function on their own without a trainer. The communications center is running well.

Recently the department purchased software called Live 911. Chief Glenn said North Haven is the first department in Connecticut using this software.

Chief Glenn explained that the software live streams every 911 call received directly into the cruisers for officers to hear the call the second it comes in. This will allow the officers a faster response time, the exact address and nature of emergency as well as allowing them to hear background noise and key information which as police officers they are trained to do. There is also mapping software integrated so the officers will get the exact location of the call and not just a general area. A brief discussion followed.

Chief Glenn then provided a breakdown of recent crimes to the Board. Calls for service are up this year, not just in North Haven but statewide.

Officers had a recruitment table recently at a Community Resource Fair which was organized by Rosa DeLauro.

Officers had a dunk tank at the North Haven Fair which was well received.

Chief Glenn stated they are hoping to start the Citizens Police Academy in the Spring .

Walter T. Berniere Scholarship

Chief Glenn received no requests for consideration this month.

With nothing further Chairman Lazaroff asked for a motion to adjourn to move to Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. The motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Calafiore, seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson. All were in favor. The time was 6:24 p.m.

With nothing further Chairman Lazaroff asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Hannon seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson. All were in favor. The time was 6:32 p.m.

Submitted,

Marc Calafiore, Secretary

Minutes by P. Claffin