

Board of Police Commissioners
Regular Meeting
November 17, 2020
Police Headquarters
8 Linsley Street
6:00 p.m.

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

Present: Chairman Larry Lazaroff, Vice Chairman Robin Wilson, Commissioners Alden Mead, and Bob Hannon

Absent: Commissioner Marc Calafiore

Others present: Police Chief Kevin Glenn and Deputy Chief Stanley Lofquist

Chairman Lazaroff asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the October 27 , 2020 meeting both Regular and Executive Session. Vice Chairman Wilson made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Mead. There was no discussion. All were in favor.

Chairman Lazaroff asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2020 Special Meeting. Commissioner Hannon made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson. There was no discussion. All were in favor.

Correspondence:

Chief Glenn received a thank you from a stranded motorist who praised the professionalism and kindness of Officer John Battick.

Chief Glenn received a thank you from the Director of the Women and Families Sexual Assault Crisis Unit thanking Detective Mike DiCocco for his assistance and outstanding work in a recent case.

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Lazaroff spoke of a recent meeting he attended with the Whitney Ridge Neighborhood Group. They talked about community safety related to the recent vehicle thefts. Chairman Lazaroff asks residents to lock their homes and vehicles at all times and to call the Police Department if they see something or someone suspicious or out of place.

Chief's Report:

Chief Glenn spoke of the recent uptick in vehicle burglaries and stolen vehicles. Chief Glenn also urges resident to lock their vehicles and homes at all times.

Chief Glenn stated that patrols have been adjusted to increase neighborhood checks.

Training:

Chief Glenn reported that K9 Cyrus is doing well at training and is set to graduate in late January of 2021.

Lieutenant Chris Thorpe recently attended a virtual CALEA conference. Lieutenant Thorpe has recently taken over the role as Accreditation Manager and the Training and Professional Standards Division.

Deputy Chief Lofquist explained the CALEA standards and process to the Board and a brief discussion was held.

With nothing further Chairman Lazaroff asked for a motion to adjourn to move to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. The motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Hannon and seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson. There was no further discussion. All were in favor.

The time was 6:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marc Calafiore, Secretary

Uniformed Services /Investigation Service:

After a lengthy investigation, Detectives successfully arrested a 17-year-old who was involved in a shots fired/drug transaction incident back in December of 2019.

Detectives recently made an arrest from a September robbery at Home Dept. The suspect threatened to stab an employee with a hypodermic needle.

On October 30th, a carjacking occurred on Garfield Road. A short time later a second carjacking occurred in New Haven. Detectives are working the New Haven Police Department on the case.

On November 13th, a second carjacking occurred in the parking lot of 117 Washington Avenue. The victim was struck in the head several times with a gun before the suspect sped off in the victim's car. The vehicle has been recovered and Detectives have processed the vehicle for evidence.

Officers are participating in the "No Shave November" to raise money for Connecticut cancer patients. This is a great cause and gives Officers the opportunity to help the community while "putting away their razors".

The Police Department will be holding a Toy Drive on December 5th in the Target parking lot from 9:00a.m. to 2:00 p.m. A drop box will be placed in the lobby of police headquarters for anyone who wishes to drop off an unwrapped toy.

Chief Glenn reported there has been an uptick in crime and the numbers are up from last month. Vehicle burglaries are on the rise as well as stolen vehicles. Seven vehicles were stolen last month, two were subject to car jackings, the remaining five vehicles were all left unlocked. All seven vehicles were recovered and have been processed for evidence.

Chief Glenn reminds everyone to be diligent and lock your vehicles at all times.

Chief Glenn advised the Board of two upcoming projects from the State DOT. The first item is the DOT will eliminate the flashing of traffic lights at 12 intersections during the overnight hours. Once in place, the traffic lights will be on regular cycles twenty-four hours a day. This project is expected to be completed by September of 2022. The State DOT reported motor vehicle accident numbers are significantly lower when traffic lights cycle rather than flash throughout the overnight hours.

The second project the DOT is working on is to install centerline rumble strips on eligible roadways. The stipulations are the road must have at least 2000 vehicles travel it daily, be in good condition, and have a 35-mph speed limit. Sergeant DePascale is evaluating potential roads and will complete a report which will be ready for the Board at next month's meeting.