

MINUTES OF THE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING

**Thursday, September 9, 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 Platt

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Chairperson Coffin.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairperson Coffin requested a motion to accept the minutes of the August 12, 2021 Police Commission Special Meeting. Commissioner Kain made the motion and Commissioner Caporale seconded the motion.

All in favor

Chairperson Coffin requested a motion to accept the minutes of the August 30, 2021 Police Commission Special Meeting. Commissioner Kain made the motion and Commissioner Caporale seconded the motion.

All in favor

2. COMMISSION CORRESPONDENCE

A. Voicemail

Commissioner Kain received two voicemail messages. One was from a resident stating their opinion of the Police Department.

The second voicemail was from a resident inquiring about the Stop Sign on Norrans Ridge Drive. Sign Officer Mark Caswell addressed the concern.

B. Written Correspondence

Chief Kreitz stated he received two written requests in the mail. One was an Application for Highway Use Permit for a Half Marathon to be signed by the Police Commission.

The second request was about a sight line issue. Officer Mark Caswell has already addressed this concern.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

4. NEW BUSINESS

None

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Building Feasibility Study Update

The study is moving forward and the next meeting will be forthcoming. The Schlumberger location was selected by the BOS and PC based on the information that was put forward by Kaestle Boos and Associates at a previous meeting.

6. CHIEF'S REPORT

A. Traffic/Sign Report

Sign Officer Mark Caswell will have a full report next month.

B. 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
August 2021**

Training Attended:

August 23-27: PO Geller attended Lock-up Triple Instructor certification in Handcuffing/Baton/OC held in Cheshire, CT.

Virtual Training Attended:

August 12: Det. DuBord attended Documenting the Scene: Murder/Suicide/Accident held online.

P/R Events:

August 4: Chief Kreitz, Major Platt, PO Giglio, PO Gjodesen. PO Samoskevich and Lt. Durling attended Wiffle Ball Game at the Ridgefield Boys & Girls Club.

August 21: PO Giglio attended RidgeCon at the Ridgefield Library for “Touch a Cruiser” meet and greet.

A total of 9 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

C. Department Statistics

Chief Kreitz reported the total incidents for the month of August was 1,016. He also highlighted some of the statistics for the month. Year to date there have been 8,056 incidents reported.

Chief Kreitz also stated that one of the upcoming events is a 9-11 Ceremony to be held at the Recreation Center this Saturday, September 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the 9-11 Memorial.

Safety Day is planned for October 3 from 10-2 at the East Ridge Middle School

Chief Kreitz stated that over 50% of the department has been trained on the body and in-car camera systems. PO Matt Seibert demonstrated the new cameras and how they will aid the police officers.

Chief Kreitz stated that the police department has a test Dodge Durango police vehicle that officers are trying.

Chief Kreitz stated a conditional offer of employment was extended and accepted by the next candidate on the hiring list. This is the opening created by Major Brown's retirement.

7. UNION PARTICIPATION

None

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION - to discuss personnel matters

Commissioner Kain made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:32pm to discuss Employee Performance. Commissioner Money seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Police Commission returned to Public Session at 8:14pm. No votes were taken.

Commissioner Money made a motion to adjourn the Police Commission Meeting at 8:14pm. Commissioner Kain seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

George Kain
Police Commission Secretary