

MINUTES OF THE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING

**Thursday, June 9, 2022 at 7:00p.m.
Town Hall Annex
66 Prospect Street**

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Commissioners Present: George Kain, Chairman
John Frey, Secretary
Issy Caporale
Sharon Dornfeld

Present by Phone: Marianne Coffin

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 7:00pm by Chairman Kain.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Kain requested a motion to accept the minutes of the May 12, 2022 Police Commission Meeting. Secretary Frey made a motion and Commissioner Caporale seconded the motion.

All in favor

Minutes of May 12, 2022 Police Commission Meeting accepted as written.

2. COMMISSION CORRESPONDENCE

A. Voicemail

Secretary Frey noted there were no voicemail for May.

B. Written Correspondence

Chief Kreitz stated there was one application for a Highway Use Permit which is for the 4th of July fireworks. The application was signed by Chairman Kain and Capt. Nick Fowler. It will now be sent to the Connecticut Department of Transportation Maintenance and

Construction District 4 for approval.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4. NEW BUSINESS

None.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Public Safety Building Update

Jake Muller (Director of Facilities and Purchasing) continues to assess the building site layout with Kaestle Boos.

6. CHIEF'S REPORT

A. Traffic/Sign Report

Chief Kreitz stated that Sgt. Caswell checked the current signage at the pedestrian crossings and met the MUTCD Standards. Sgt. Caswell replaced multiple damaged signs throughout town.

B. Training/PR Report

The following report was presented by Major Shawn Platt and submitted by Capt. Jeff Raines, Division of Professional Standards.

**Ridgefield Police Department
Training & Community Policing/Public Relations Report
May 2022**

Training Attended:

May 2&4: All personnel attended Active Aggressor training which was taught by Captain Fowler, Detective Dardis and Officer VanWattum.

May 11: Captain Fowler and Lieutenant Knoche attended Use of Force Reporting at POST.

May 16-20: Captain Raines attended Public Information Officer training at POST.

P/R Events:

- May 7:** Officer Luis represented the police department at the RVNA Health Fair.
- May 9:** The RHS Intern (Steven Brown) started his internship with our department. He will be assigned to officers on the Day Shift and Evening Shift through June 10th.
- May 19:** Chief Kreitz, Major Platt and Lieutenant Knoche attended the Officer of The Year Ceremony, at the Aqua Turf Club for Officer Olivares.
- May 23:** Members of the PBA volunteered at a “Tip-A-Cop” event at 850 Restaurant on 05/23/22 from 5:00pm to 9:00pm. This event is in conjunction with Special Olympics of Connecticut.
- May 25:** Officer R. Theodore, Officer H. Bloom and Officer A. Luis were sworn in at the Lounsbury House on May 25th at 10:00am. They started the Police Academy (POST) on June 3rd.
- May 26:** The annual RPD Memorial (gravesite) Ceremony was held at the Lounsbury House at 10:00am.

Upcoming Events:

- June 27:** We will be hosting an Awards Ceremony at the Lounsbury House at 10:00am. This will include Officer of the Year for 2019, 2020 and 2021, along with several other awards that were given out during that time.

A total of 19 Public Relations were performed during the month(s) to include:

- Officers met with the staff and children at the Shir Shalom Temple on separate occasions.
- Several car seat installations were performed.
- Several tours were performed at HQ for different groups.

- Multiple Social Media posts were put out in regards to Police Activities & Safety Messages.
- Several officers gave children a “Ride to School” during the month of May.

C. Department Statistics

Chief Kreitz reported the total incidents for the month of May 2022 was 1,107. He also highlighted some of the statistics for the month.

Chief Kreitz presented a request for new Class A uniforms for the officers. The new Class A uniforms would be for all officers with the exception of the honor guard and include a blue jacket and a Sam Browne belt. Chief Kreitz stated that the new Class A uniform would be more cost effective than what we currently have. Chief Kreitz acknowledged the work of Capt. Fowler in putting together the uniform. After the presentation Chairman Kain requested a motion to approve the request. Secretary Frey made a motion and Commissioner Dornfeld seconded the motion.

All in Favor

Chief Kreitz presented a request to the Police Commission about changing the graphics on the newly purchase police cruiser. Chief Kreitz stated that Capt. Fowler put forward a recommendation to keep the new cruiser all black with all graphics in gold. Chief Kreitz stated that there would be a cost savings because the cruiser doors would not have to be painted white. After the presentation Chairman Kain requested a motion to approve the request. Secretary Frey made a motion and Commissioner Caporale seconded the motion.

All in Favor

Chief Kreitz stated he has received calls concerning school security. He stated that he has reassured those who have contacted him that the police department is trained and equipped to handle an emergency at any of our schools.

Chief Kreitz stated that Officer Browning’s last day of service will be on June 28, 2022. Chief Kreitz stated that he has served the citizens of Ridgely for the past 23 years. Both the Chief and the Board of Police Commissioners

acknowledged his commitment and dedicated service to the community.

The next Police Commission Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 21, 2022.

7. UNION PARTICIPATION

None.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION - to discuss personnel matters

Secretary Frey made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:40pm to discuss Employee Performance. Commissioner Caporale seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Police Commission returned to Public Session at 7:50pm. No votes were taken.

Secretary Frey made a motion to adjourn the Police Commission Meeting at 7:51pm. Commissioner Dornfeld seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

John Frey
Police Commission Secretary