**MINUTES OF THE POLICE COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING**

**Thursday, October 8, 2020 at 5:00pm via Zoom**

**In accordance with the Governor’s Executive Order 7B, the in-person open meeting requirements for a public agency have been suspended. As a result, the Public Commission will conduct a public meeting remotely using video/audio conference technology in real time.**

**Commissioners Present:** Marianne Coffin, Chairperson

**Via Zoom** Nicholas Perna, Secretary

George Kain

Joseph Savino

Issy Caporale

**Also Present:** Chief Jeff Kreitz

**Via Zoom** Major Stephen Brown

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

The Public Meeting was called to order at 5:00p.m. by Chairperson Coffin. This meeting was conducted via Zoom.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Kain made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 10, 2020 Police Commission meeting. Commissioner Perna seconded the motion.

**All in favor**

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

Commissioner Perna stated there were two voicemail messages.

One resident had a complaint about a speed sign they felt was in

the wrong place. The second message was a repeat complaint

about parking on Pound Street. Sign Officer Mark Caswell will

follow up.

1. **Written Correspondence**

None.

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

Captain Terzian updated the Commissioners on the equipment, stats, Accountability Bill and COVID-19 response. Captain Terzian praised the officers for their professionalism and dedication to the department and the citizens of Ridgefield.

1. **CHIEF’S REPORT**
2. **Monthly Stats**

Chief Kreitz reported there were 1105 incidents for the month of September.

1. **Traffic/Sign Report – 125 Danbury Road**

Chief Kreitz stated he received an email from BL Company about the loading dock expansion for Home Goods (Kohl’s) and whether there would be a traffic impact to the State highway system. All agreed there would not be.

1. **Training/PR Report**

The following report was submitted by Capt. Platt Division of Public Standards.

**Ridgefield Police Department**

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

**September 2020**

**Training Attended:**

**September 1-26:** All patrol officers attended a 2 Hour De-Escalation Training at Headquarters presented by Lt. Durling.

**September 10:** Capt. Platt, Lt. Gates, Sgt. Brown, PO Giglio, PO Capozzi, PO Romero, Sgt. Murray attended Firearms Qualifications Training at Wooster Mountain Range presented by Lt. Fowler, Det. Papstein, Det. Dardis.

**September 11:** Lt. Smith, PO Mulvihill, PO Daly, PO McMahon, PO Caswell, PO Seibert attended Firearms Qualifications Training at Wooster Mountain Range presented by Lt. Fowler, Det. Papstein, Det. Dardis and PO VanWattum

**September 21-22:** PO Olivares, PO McKnight, and Disp. Monroe attended EMD Training at Fire Department Headquarters presented by Chief Meyers.

**Virtual Training attended:**

**September 18:** Chief Kreitz, Major Brown, Capt. Terzian, Capt. Comstock and Capt. Platt attended The John M. Bailey Seminar on New Laws & Legal Updates training presented on Zoom by Asst. State’s Atty. Tim J. Sugrue.

**September 23:** All officers reviewed the 2020 Legal Updates Training on PowerDMS presented by Asst. States Atty. Tim J. Sugrue.

**September 24:** Sgt. Knoche attended training on the PowerDMS platform presented by PowerDMS.

A total of 6 Public Relations were performed during the month(s) to include:

* Multiple stop and talks at houses of worship.
* Multiple Social Media posts of police activities.
* Various talks with downtown shop owners and community members.

1. **Department Hiring**

Chief Kreitz stated that the department has posted on Police App the opening for weekend dispatcher. Chief Kreitz stated he would also like to hire a CT certified officer for the current vacancy. The job posting would go out next week. All agreed.

1. **Body/Dash Camera Update**

Capt. Kreitz reported that they are continuing with the process and are meeting with representatives from Telrepco next week.

1. **OLD BUSINESS**
2. **Feasibility Study**

A meeting will be scheduled in the near future with the Board of Selectman, Board of Police Commissioners and Kaestle Boos to discuss the options.

1. **UNION PARTICIPATION**

Police Officer Chris Daly reported he agrees with Captain Terzian’s input.

1. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**Commissioner Caporale made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Employee Performance. Commissioner Savino seconded the motion. All were in favor. The Commission and Chief Kreitz and Major Brown went into Executive Session via conference call at 6:02pm.**

**The Police Commission returned to Public Session at 6:30pm. No votes were taken.**

**Commissioner Kain made a motion to adjourn the Police Commission Meeting at 6:32pm. Seconded by Commissioner Perna.**

**All in favor**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Nick Perna

Police Commission Secretary

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