

MINUTES OF THE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING

**Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 7:00p.m.
Town Hall Annex
66 Prospect Street**

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

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 7:04pm by Chairman Kain.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Kain requested a motion to accept the minutes of the January 20, 2022 Police Commission Meeting. Commissioner Coffin made the motion and Commissioner Caporale seconded the motion.

All in favor

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. COMMISSION CORRESPONDENCE

A. Voicemail

Commissioner Frey stated that he received a phone call regarding an online petition for flashing LED lights at crosswalks. The caller wanted to make the Commission aware of the petition.

B. Written Correspondence

Chief Kreitz stated there were two applications for Highway Use Permits. One is for the Memorial Day Parade scheduled for Monday, May 30, 2022 at 11:00am and the other one is for the Ridgefield

Fire Department 125th Anniversary Parade scheduled for Friday, June 24, 2022 at 6:30pm. The permits were signed by Capt. Nick Fowler and Chairman Kain and will be forwarded to the Connecticut Department of Transportation Maintenance and Construction District.

Chief Kreitz stated a letter was received from Addessi Jewelers regarding security concerns related to the business. A meeting has been scheduled for next week with Chief Kreitz, Capt. Nick Fowler and the business owner.

Chairman Kain and Chief Kreitz received emails from a resident who had some questions over the way the Police Department responded to a domestic incident. Chairman Kain and the department followed up with the individual.

4. NEW BUSINESS

None.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Public Safety Building Update

Chief Kreitz, along with Major Platt, met with Kaestle Boos to go over the proposed building layout. The project is moving forward with more meetings forthcoming.

6. CHIEF'S REPORT

A. Traffic/Sign Report

There was no report for the month of January.

B. Training/PR Report

The following report was submitted by Capt. Jeff Raines, Division of Professional Standards. Major Platt presented the report, along with upcoming events.

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

Training Attended:

- Jan. 21:** Detective Dardis and DuBord attended "Cause and Manner of Infant Deaths" via Zoom.
- Jan. 31:** Detective Ryan attended "Basic Sex Crimes Investigations" at the Greenwich Police Department.

P/R Events:

- Jan. 3-14:** Probationary Officer Clark completed two weeks of FTO during the first two weeks of January.
- Jan. 17:** Detective Dardis and DuBord completed part of the drug take back program, by performing a burn run.
- Jan. 28:** The Ridgefield PBA recapped that they raised \$22,086 in 2021 for Special Olympics and placed 3rd in the state for fundraising.

Upcoming Events:

Capt. Raines will be participating with a panel of speakers at the Boys & Girls Club on February 11th. The subject matter is regarding awareness for substance abuse, mental illness and substance use disorder.

Capt. Raines will be assisting with a staff safety training at the Ridgefield Library on February 18th.

The 2022 Citizens Police Academy is planned to start on March 15th and end on May 3rd.

A total of 10 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.
- An officer performed a walk-through of a new building in town to familiarize themselves for the FTO program.
- Car seat installations performed.
- Multiple Social Media posts were put out in regards to Police Activities & Safety Messages.

C. Department Stats

Chief Kreitz reported the total incidents for the month of January 2022 was 921. He also highlighted some of the statistics for the month including last year.

D. Hiring Update

Major Platt stated the next phase was the agility test which was performed February 2. Of those applicants that tested 18 will proceed to the next level of the hiring process. The department has seats reserved in the Milford Academy starting April 1.

7. UNION PARTICIPATION

None

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION - to discuss personnel matters

Commissioner Caporale made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:33pm to discuss Employee Performance. Commissioner Coffin seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Police Commission returned to Public Session at 7:54pm.

A motion was made by Commissioner Coffin to name Officer Carlos Olivares as Ridgefield Police Department's Officer of the Year for 2021. Commissioner Caporale seconded the motion. The Commission was unanimous in their decision, but praised all the Officers that were nominated.

All in Favor

Congratulations to Officer Olivares for a job well done!

Commissioner Caporale made a motion to adjourn the Police Commission Meeting at 7:55pm. Commissioner Coffin seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

John Frey
Police Commission Secretary