

## **MINUTES OF THE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING**

**Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 7:00p.m.  
Town Hall Annex  
66 Prospect Street**

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**Commissioners Present:** John Frey, Secretary  
Marianne Coffin  
Issy Caporale  
Sharon Dornfeld

**Present by Phone:** George Kain, Chairman

**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 7:02pm by Secretary Frey.

Secretary Frey requested a motion to move New Business A. to the beginning of the meeting. Commissioner Dornfeld made a motion and Commissioner Caporale seconded the motion.

### **All in Favor**

#### **New Business**

##### **A. Concerned Citizens - Crosswalk / Traffic Safety**

Lisa DelGiudice gave a thorough presentation on her concern for pedestrian safety at the crosswalks in town. She is proposing to bring awareness to see a positive and safe change to the crosswalks. Her concern included a petition; two of which were in attendance. Her request is to add LED solar flashing lights to the signs where the crosswalks exist.

Chief Kreitz stated this has been an on-going project to keep pedestrians safe at the crosswalks. He stated that guidelines must be followed such as an encroachment permit. The Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon does not apply to all crosswalks. Chief Kreitz has

already been in contact with Aimee Berger-Girvalo, who is the State Representative for Ridgefield. Secretary Frye stated that it took three years to get a crosswalk at CVS/Main Street.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Secretary Frey requested a motion to accept the minutes of the April 21, 2022 Police Commission Special Meeting. Commissioner Dornfeld made a motion and Commissioner Caporale seconded the motion.

**All in Favor**

**Minutes of April 21, 2022 Police Commission Special Meeting accepted as written.**

**2. COMMISSION CORRESPONDENCE**

**A. Voicemail**

There was no voicemail for the month of April.

**B. Written Correspondence**

There was no written correspondence for the month of April.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Concerned Citizens – Crosswalk/Traffic Safety**

Moved to the beginning of the meeting.

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Public Safety Building – Update**

Jake Muller (Director of Facilities and Purchasing) continues to move forward with the building layout plans with Kaestle Boos.

**B. State Project 0174-0449**

This project is moving forward with improving the intersections at Route 33, Route 35, Route 116 and Ethan Allen Hwy.

**6. CHIEF'S REPORT**

**A. Traffic/Sign Report**

There was no sign report submitted by Sign Sergeant Mark Caswell for the month of April.

**B. Training/PR Report**

The following report was submitted by Capt. Jeff Raines, Division

of Professional Standards.

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

**Training Attended:**

- April 19:** Captain Raines and Officer Geller attended Training Officer and Instructor Liability in Trumbull, CT taught by Eric Daigle.
- April 25-27:** All personnel attended mandatory Use of Force (209) training at HQ, taught by Captain Fowler and Detective Dardis.

**P/R Events:**

- April 6:** K-9 Lieutenant Murray and K-9 Loki performed a K-9 demonstration for a group of children at the Ridgefield Community Kindergarten.
- April 6:** Officer Ladue, K-9 Lieutenant Murray and K-9 Loki performed a Tour of HQ and K-9 demonstration for a Boy Scout Troop.
- April 29:** K-9 Lieutenant Murray and K-9 Loki performed a K-9 demonstration for Forensics class at the Ridgefield High School.
- April 30:** Captain Raines and members of the Ridgefield Prevention Council participated in National Drug Take Back on April 30<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to 2:00pm at HQ. They collected 34 pounds of prescription medication.
- May 3:** The 2022 Citizens Police Academy was a success, which ended on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Upcoming Events:**

Officer of the Year recipient Officer Carlos Olivares, will be honored at the 2022 Connecticut District Exchange Club's Annual Salute to Connecticut's Finest event at the Aqua Turf Club on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

Members of the PBA will be volunteering 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.

Three new Police Officers will be sworn in at the Lounsbury House on May 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am.

We will be hosting the annual RPD Memorial (gravesite) Ceremony on May 26<sup>th</sup> at the Lounsbury House @ 10:00am.

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A total of 17 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.
- Multiple Social Media posts were put out in regards to Police Activities & Safety Messages.
- An officer stopped by a Ridgefield residents house for a welcome home party for their son, who had just returned from Active Duty with the Army.

### **C. Department Statistics**

Chief Kreitz reported the total incidents for the month of April 2022 was 1,059. He also highlighted some of the statistics for the month including 4 larcenies from MV and 4 stolen vehicles.

### **7. UNION PARTICIPATION**

None

### **8. EXECUTIVE SESSION - to discuss personnel matters**

**Secretary Frey made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:55pm to discuss Employee Performance. Commissioner Coffin seconded the motion.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**The Police Commission returned to Public Session at 9:07pm. No votes were taken.**

**Secretary Frey made a motion to adjourn the Police Commission Meeting at 9:08pm. Commissioner Caporale seconded the motion.**

**Motion carried unanimously**

Respectfully Submitted,

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John Frey  
Police Commission Secretary