

**CITY OF NORWALK
POLICE COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES OF MAY 22, 2017**

ATTENDANCE: Mayor Harry Rilling, Chair; Charles Yost; Fran Collier-Clemmons

STAFF: Police Chief Thomas Kulhawik; Deputy Chief Susan Zecca; Deputy Chief Ashley Gonzalez

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rilling called the meeting to order at 4:18 p. m. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 17, 2017

Page 2 change "lives are lost." to "lives are not lost."

**** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE APRIL 17, 2017 MINUTES AS AMENDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

No member of the public came forward.

RECOGNITION

April Officers of the Month

Off. Michael Sellas, Off. Richard Holmes, Off. Paul Wargo, and Off. Nelson Figueroa

Chief Kulhawik stated that Officer Michael Sellas was on regular patrol of his assigned area in South Norwalk and observed an attempted abduction. The perpetrator attempted to lure a young female into his vehicle. Officer Sellas' intervention prevented the act from happening. Chief Kulhawik stated that it also resulted in the arrest of the perpetrator who was charged with Risk of Injury to a Minor and Breach of Peace.

Chief Kulhawik stated that Officer Richard Holmes and Officer Nelson Figueroa were on patrol in South Norwalk when they observed a suspicious vehicle that had a strong odor of marijuana emanating from it. He stated that after a brief vehicle pursuit, they stopped the vehicle and discovered a Glock semi-automatic 40 caliber handgun with a

30 round magazine and a Star 9mm semi-automatic handgun. Chief Kulhawik stated that the officers arrested three individuals and removed two very dangerous weapons from the streets of our city.

Chief Kulhawik stated that Officer Paul Wargo was on patrol in the Rowayton section of Norwalk. Officer Wargo responded quickly to a report of a car theft in progress from a private residence. Chief Kulhawik stated that Officer Wargo observed suspicious activity upon his arrival on the scene and his actions led to the arrest of two individuals and the recovery of two stolen motor vehicles.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Patrol Staffing

Deputy Chief Zecca stated that there are two candidates in the Milford Academy. She stated that there are three positions open that will hopefully be filled with either lateral or comparative hires.

Selective Enforcement Report

Deputy Chief Zecca stated that there were 139 cellphone infractions for the month of April, and that there was an unnecessary noise infraction on Washington Street. She stated that there were 556 total infractions for the month of April. Commissioner Yost requested that in addition to the ten categories listed on the Selective Enforcement Report that a total be given of “all other infractions” that do not fit into one of the ten categories.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Training (April 2017)

Deputy Chief Gonzalez presented and reviewed the training courses held report and the training courses by date report. He stated that some officers received Stress Management EAP Training. Officers also received Emergency Medical Responder Training. He stated that four officers were sent for School Resource Officer Training. We would like to have one or two SRO trained officers in the event that they need to be moved around.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

Police Awards

Chief Kulhawik presented the 2017 Police Awards Informational Report as follows:

- Det. Dominick Cisero, Det. John Taranto (Meritorious Commendation – House Fire March 18, 2017 – 17-12734).

- Lt. Tom Roncinske, Sgt. Jeffrey Proudfoot, Sgt. Peter White, Off. Anthony DePanfilis, Off. Bruce Lovallo, Off. Robert Castaldi, Off. Michael Mancini, Off. Kevin Versace, Off. Paul Wargo, Off. Andrew Green, Off. Anthony del Pino, Off. Matthew Nyquist, Off. Elizabeth Gay, Off. Jose Silva, Off. Jason Lusniak, Off. Ariel Martinez (Unit Citation – Motor Vehicle Theft April 7, 2017 – 17-15914).
- Off. Paul Wargo (Distinguished Service Award – Motor Vehicle Theft April 7, 2017 – 17-15914).

Tuition Reimbursement

- ** **COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR TUITION REIMBURSEMENT FOR LT. TERENCE BLAKE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$964.68.**
- ** **THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Resignation

Chief Kulhawik stated that on May 3, 2017, Officer Robert Zwillich resigned from the Police Department.

Vacation Carry-Over Request

- ** **COMMISSIONER YOST MOVED TO ALLOW DEPUTY CHIEF SUSAN ZECCA TO CARRY OVER 52 VACATION DAYS FROM THE 2016-2017 FISCAL YEAR INTO 2017-2018.**
- ** **THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- ** **COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO ALLOW DEPUTY CHIEF ASHLEY GONZALEZ TO CARRY OVER 55 VACATION DAYS FROM THE 2016-2017 FISCAL YEAR INTO 2017-2018.**
- ** **THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

NEXT MEETING

Mayor Rilling stated that the next meeting of the Police Commission will be held on June 19, 2017 at 4:15 p. m.

ADJOURNMENT

- ** **COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO ADJOURN.**
- ** **THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Blaney
Telesco Secretarial Services

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