

**CITY OF NORWALK  
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES OF MARCH 22, 2010**

**ATTENDANCE:** Daniel O'Connor, Chair; Mayor Richard A. Moccia,  
Commissioner Peter Torrano

**STAFF:** Police Chief Harry Rilling, Deputy Chief Thomas Kulhawik

**OTHERS:** Sgt. Ashley Gonzalez; Sgt. Shawn Wong Won; Sgt. James Belmont; Sgt. Jeff Proudfoot; Det. Charles Perez; Det. Melissa Lepore; Off. Chris Holms; Off. Justin Bisceglie; Off. John Haggerty; Off. David Peterson; Off. William Matsen, Off. Phillip Roselle; Off. Ronald Palmer; Off. Joseph Carlino, Off. Richard Montañez, Off. Michael Cote, Off. Michael Silva, Off. Louie Giannattasio; Off. Ryan Evarts

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman O'Connor called the meeting of the Police Commission to order at 4:28 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

(February 22, 2010)

- \*\* COMMISSIONER TORRANO MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 22, 2010 AS SUBMITTED.**  
**\*\* MAYOR MOCCIA SECONDED.**  
**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**FEBRUARY TRAINING REPORT**

Chief Rilling reviewed the monthly training reports with the Commissioners.

**TUITION REIMBURSEMENT**

(Officer Bertha Stuckley)

- \*\* COMMISSIONER TORRANO MOVED TO APPROVE THE REIMBURSEMENT FOR OFFICER BERTHA STUCKLEY FOR A COURSE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION TOWARDS A BACHELOR'S DEGREE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX.**  
**\*\* MAYOR MOCCIA SECONDED.**  
**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **AWARDS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR POLICE AWARDS**

Chief reviewed the process for the various awards and then briefly reviewed the various incidents in which the following officers involved acted above and beyond the call of duty.

**\*\* MAYOR MOCCIA MOVED TO APPROVE THE AWARDS TO THE FOLLOWING:**

Off. Chris Holms – Meritorious Commendation Certificate  
Off. Justin Bisceglie – Medal of Merit  
Off. Justin Bisceglie – Distinguished Service Award  
Off. John Haggerty – Medal of Merit  
Off. David Peterson – Medal of Merit  
Off. William Matsen – Medal of Merit  
Off. Philip Roselle – Meritorious Commendation Certificate  
Off. Ronald Palmer – Meritorious Commendation Certificate  
Sgt. James Belmont – Distinguished Service Award  
Off. Joseph Carlino – Distinguished Service Award  
Off. Richard Montañez – Distinguished Service Award  
Sgt. Jeff Proudfoot – Medal of Merit  
Off. Michael Cote – Medal of Merit  
Sgt. Jeff Proudfoot – Distinguished Service Award  
Off. Michael Silva – Distinguished Service Award

**\*\* COMMISSIONER TORRANO SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Chief Rilling said that while this list looks lengthy, each of the officers have gone above and beyond their duty to protect and to serve. The Mayor concurred, saying that Norwalk's police officers were doing their jobs day in and day out. He said that it was distressing to read negative comments in the paper about the Police Department. Commissioner Torrano agreed. Chief Rilling then said that there were numerous family members and fellow officers in the room in support of these officers.

Mayor Moccia said that this last week was very difficult for the City because of the storm and that he had received numerous calls and emails about how well the police officers had performed in terms of courtesy and helpfulness.

The Commissioners then presented each officer with the appropriate awards and thanked them for their service.

### **OFFICER OF THE MONTH**

(Sergeant Jeffrey Proudfoot and Officer Michael Silva)

Chief Rilling then said that the information regarding both Officer Proudfoot and Officer Silva had already been discussed in the early presentation. He thanked the officers once again for their hard work. Union President Sergeant Roncinske came forward and congratulated everyone who had received an award.

### **PROMOTIONS**

Chief Rilling then said that he was honored to recommend six individuals for promotion in the department.

**\*\* COMMISSIONER TORRANO THEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING SIX OFFICERS FOR PROMOTION:**

Sgt. Shawn Wong Won to LIEUTENANT  
Sgt. Ashley Gonzalez to LIEUTENANT  
Det. Melissa Lepore to SERGEANT  
Det. Charles Perez to SERGEANT  
Off. Louie Giannattasio to DETECTIVE  
Off. Ryan Evarts to DETECTIVE

Effective March 25, 2010 and subject to a six month probationary period.

**\*\* MAYOR MOCCIA SECONDED.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mayor Moccia then administered the oath of office to the officers.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**\*\* MAYOR MOCCIA THEN MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL ISSUES.  
\*\* COMMISSIONER TORRANO SECONDED.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Commissioners and Chief Rilling entered into Executive Session at 4:54 p.m. They returned to public session at 4:55 p.m.

**\*\* COMMISSIONER TORRANO MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF SCOTT ANDERSON.  
\*\* CHAIRMAN O'CONNOR SECONDED.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

- \*\* COMMISSIONER TORRANO MOVED TO ADJOURN.
- \*\* MAYOR MOCCIA SECONDED.
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

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