

**CITY OF NORWALK  
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2009**

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

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

**OTHERS:** Frank Favano, Administrative Manager

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman O'Connor called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. Chairman O'Connor said that Commissioner Torrano was not able to attend because he was out of the country.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES (AUGUST 25, 2009)**

**\*\* MAYOR MOCCIA MOVED THE ITEM.**

The following correction was noted:

Page 3, following the motion for the EDUCATIONAL STIPEND for Officer Terrance Smith, please add:

**\*\* MAYOR MOCCIA MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA.**

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

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

Chief Rilling distributed copies of a Course Approval Application for Lieutenant David Wrinn.

**\*\* MAYOR MOCCIA MOVED TO APPROVE LIEUTENANT DAVID WRINN TO ATTEND FORENSIC SCIENCE (SRJ 210 01) AT CHARTER OAK STATE COLLEGE TOWARDS AN ASSOCIATES DEGREE IN PUBLIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION.**

- \*\* COMMISSIONER TORRANO SECONDED.
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **AUGUST TRAINING REPORTS**

There was a brief discussion about the police dogs' availability. One PSD has been removed from service, another passed away, and the third one is currently unavailable. Chief Rilling said that if a PSD is needed and the Department's dog is not available, the department calls one of the neighboring towns.

### **AUGUST OFFICER OF THE MONTH** **(Off. Patrick English)**

Chief Rilling reviewed the recent incident involving Officer English. Officer English stopped a pedestrian and the pedestrian took off running. The suspect was apprehended and discovered to be carrying a loaded firearm and narcotics. Chief Rilling and Deputy Chief Kulhawik both congratulated Officer English for his apprehension of a repeat offender.

### **DROP REQUEST** **(Sgt. James Boff)**

- \*\* MAYOR MOCCIA MOVED TO APPROVE THE DROP REQUEST FOR SERGEANT JAMES BOFF.
- \*\* CHAIRMAN O'CONNOR SECONDED.
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **FORFEIT SEIZURES**

Chief Rilling gave a brief overview of the recent Forfeit Seizures to the Commission.

### **SPECIAL ORDER NO. 2009-07** **(Death Notice)**

Chief Rilling announced that retired Norwalk Police Officer Henry Magalas passed away. Chairman O'Connor requested a moment of silence out of respect for Officer Magalas.

### COMPLIMENTARY

**(Sgt. Peter LaPak, Off. Greg Scully, Off. Shannon Sherry, Off. Nathaniel Paulino,  
Off. Daniel Sefcik, Off. Jeremy Salley, and Civilian Sal Tardella)**

The Chief gave a brief overview of a recent boat fire which Sgt. LaPak and Officer Paulino rendered assistances and the apprehension of the armed burglary suspect arrest.

Mayor Moccia then said for the record that he had discussions with at least 7 residents of Lockwood Lane and most of the residents expressed their appreciation of how things were handled in the recent lockdown. The Naramake School staff was also appreciative of how things were handled. The Mayor then expressed his thanks for the professional way that the police handled the issue.

The Mayor then said that the department was investigating the recent jewelry store robbery. He said that the response time was phenomenal. Lt. Randall was nearby and left his post at a construction site, and was able to leave to provide back up for Officer Cody and McSally. He then complemented the department as a citizen.

Chairman O'Connor said that he agreed with the Mayor's comments. Chief Rilling said that he spoke with Councilman McQuaid about this issue. A meeting has also been scheduled for the neighbors in the near future about this issue.

Chief Rilling commented that the thorough police work in both cases resulted in one felony arrest with the removal of a weapon off the street and in the second instance, the training and professionalism was evident.

Mayor Moccia said that between the letters of commendation in the files and these two incidents shows how busy the last few weeks have been.

### ADJOURNMENT

**\*\* MAYOR MOCCIA MOVED TO ADJOURN.  
\*\* CHAIRMAN O'CONNOR SECONDED.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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