

**CITY OF NORWALK
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 21, 2009**

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

STAFF: Chief Harry Rilling, Deputy Chief Thomas Kulhawik

OTHERS: Frank Favano

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman O'Connor called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(November 16, 2009)

- ** **MAYOR MOCCIA MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF
NOVEMBER 16, 2009 AS SUBMITTED.**
- ** **COMMISSIONER TORRANO SECONDED.**
- ** **THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

NOVEMBER TRAINING REPORTS

Chief Rilling reviewed the various training courses held during the month.

NOVEMBER OFFICER OF THE MONTH

(Off. Patrick English)

Chief Rilling reviewed the details of an incident on November 9th, involving Officer English who has been nominated as Officer of the Month and the various other officers who would be receiving Meritorious Commendations. The Chief pointed out that the protocols were followed and a loaded weapon recovered, along with the apprehension of two convicted felons. Chairman O'Connor said that there had been several comments about the professional handling of the incident. One of the officers commented that one of the suspects had been convicted of a robbery in Bridgeport and past robberies in Norwalk.

MERITORIOUS COMMENDATION CERTIFICATION

(Sgt. Jeffrey Proudfoot, Off. Louie Giannattasio, Off. Corey Vento, Off. Daniel Serio,
Off. Francios Van Rensburg)

The Mayor and the members of the Police Commission then presented Officer English with his certificate as Officer of the Month and the above named officers with certificates of Meritorious Commendation.

- ** **COMMISSIONER TORRANO MOVED TO ADD AN ITEM REGARDING GPS UNITS TO THE AGENDA.**
- ** **MAYOR MOCCIA SECONDED.**
- ** **THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Sgt. Boff said that the new GPS and the patrol rifles were well received by the officers. Chief Rilling said that with the support from the budget and the grant funding that had been approved, the Department has been receiving some excellent equipment. Commissioner Torrano said that that he felt that the new officers were very qualified. Chairman O'Connor said that he had noticed the officer's positive attitudes. Chief Rilling said that the motor vehicle enforcement had gone through the roof because of the motor vehicle license plate reader.

DROP REQUEST
(Det. James O'Leary)

- ** **MAYOR MOCCIA MOVED TO APPROVE THE DROP REQUEST FOR DETECTIVE JAMES O'LEARY.**
- ** **COMMISSIONER TORRANO SECONDED.**

Mr. Favano presented the Commission with the paperwork for Detective O'Leary.

- ** **THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE DROP PLAN OF DETECTIVE O'LEARY PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

TUITION REIMBURSEMENT
(Capt. Ernest Vitarbo, Lt. David Wrinn, Off. Bertha Stuckley)

APPLICATION FOR COURSE APPROVAL
(Lt. David Wrinn, Off. Bertha Stuckley, Off. Chris Holms and Off. Justin Bisceglie)

- ** **MAYOR MOCCIA MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

APPROVE THE TUITION REIMBURSEMENT OF \$1,134.50 FOR CAPTAIN ERNEST VITARBO FOR COMPLETION OF THE PRINCIPAL OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION COURSE TOWARDS A MASTER'S DEGREE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAVEN.

APPROVE THE TUITION REIMBURSEMENT OF \$3,033.93 FOR LIEUTENANT DAVID WRINN FOR COMPLETION OF THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

**STRATEGIC PLANNING IN PUBLIC SAFETY;
CONTEMPORARY MATHEMATICS;
POLITICAL AND LEGAL SYSTEMS;
CULTURAL DIVERSITY IN PUBLIC SAFETY;
GLOBAL VILLAGE;
RESEARCH METHODOLOGY IN PUBLIC SAFETY;
ETHICS IN PUBLIC SAFETY; AND
GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES IN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

**TOWARDS AN ASSOCIATES DEGREE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE
ADMINISTRATION AT CHARTER OAK STATE COLLEGE.**

**APPROVE THE TUITION REIMBURSEMENT OF \$837.50 FOR
OFFICER BERTHA STUCKLEY FOR COMPLETION OF THE
RESEARCH METHODS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE COURSE TOWARDS
A BACHELOR'S DEGREE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX.**

**APPROVE LIEUTENANT DAVID P. WRINN TO ATTEND THE
FOLLOWING COURSES:**

**COUNTERACTING TERRORISM;
HUMAN RESOURCES IN PUBLIC SAFETY;
HUMAN AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DELIVERY;
AMERICA'S HOMELAND SECURITY;
GROUP DYNAMICS; AND
LEADERSHIP IN PUBLIC SAFETY**

**TOWARDS AN ASSOCIATES DEGREE IN PUBLIC SAFETY
ADMINISTRATION AT CHARTER OAK STATE COLLEGE.**

**APPROVE OFFICER BERTHA STUCKLEY TO ATTEND THE COURSE
ON ORGANIZATIONAL BEHAVIOR AND MANAGEMENT TOWARDS
AN ASSOCIATES DEGREE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX.**

**APPROVE OFFICER CHRISTOPHER CHRIS HOLMS TO ATTEND
THE FOLLOWING REQUIRED COURSES:**

**BIG IDEAS IN SCIENCE: FROM METHODS TO MUTATIONS; AND
EXPLORING THE 1960'S**

**TOWARD A MASTERS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE AT KAPLAN
UNIVERSITY.**

APPROVE OFFICER JUSTIN BISCEGLIE TO ATTEND THE FOLLOWING REQUIRED COURSES:

**ENGLISH;
GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY; AND
WRITING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT**

TOWARDS A DEGREE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE AT NORWALK COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

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

SPECIAL ORDER NO. 09-15
(Death Notice)

The Commissioners expressed their condolences to the Billingslea family for the recent loss of Officer Billingslea's grandfather.

PERSONNEL ORDER NO. 09-22 (INFECTION CONTROL OFFICER); 09-23
(ASSIGNMENT) 09-24 REASSIGNMENT

Chief Rilling reviewed the personnel changes with the Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- ** **MAYOR MOCCIA MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, PERFORMANCE, EVALUATION, HEALTH OR DISMISSAL OF PUBLIC OFFICERS OR EMPLOYEES.**
- ** **COMMISSIONER TORRANO SECONDED.**
- ** **THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Commission entered into executive session at 4:33 p.m. They returned to public session at 4:57 p.m.

During the Executive Session, no motions were made and no votes were taken.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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