

Norwalk Board of Police Commissioners
Mayor Harry W. Rilling
Commissioner Charlie L. Yost
Commissioner Fran Collier-Clemmons

CITY OF NORWALK
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 16, 2018

ATTENDANCE: Mayor Harry Rilling; Commissioner Charles Yost; Commissioner 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 4:31 p. m. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 19, 2018

- ** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MARCH 19, 2018 MINUTES AS SUBMITTED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

No member of the public came forward.

RECOGNITION: MARCH OFFICER OF THE MONTH – RAUL ALDARONDO

Chief Kulhawik stated that on March 17, Officer Aldarondo and Officer Obina attempted to affect a motor vehicle stop. The vehicle did not stop right away but eventually stopped on New Canaan Avenue. As the vehicle stopped, the driver jumped from the vehicle and fled. Chief Kulhawik stated that the suspect entered the Norwalk River but was unable to swim. The suspect was taken into custody.

Chief Kulhawik stated that a search of the area located the suspect's cell phone as well as a 9mm semi-automatic handgun with a partially loaded magazine.

Chief Kulhawik, along with the members of the commission, thanked Officer Aldarondo for his dedication and job well done.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

Award – Unit Citation Officer Owen Lee

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Chief Kulhawik stated that on the night of the award ceremony, Officer Owen Lee was left off the Unit Citation for the Ivanka Trump VIP Protection Detail. Officer Lee was an integral part of the detail while utilizing his ESU experience. HE took a potentially damaging security breach and brought it quickly under control.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Patrol Staffing

Deputy Chief Zecca stated that we are currently down one officer. She stated that we are looking at a lateral move to fill that position. We will be holding interviews for the position next week.

Selective Enforcement Report

Deputy Chief Zecca stated that total infractions are up by about 100 over last year. She stated that speeding violations are up by 20 this month. The total number of speeding violations for the year are down, compared to last year. She stated that we started a distracted driving initiative so next month we should see an increase in infractions.

Mayor Rilling stated that he observes many residents driving with their dog in their laps. He stated that this could be considered distracted driving. In the case of accident, an airbag deployment would injure both the driver and the dog. He asked that the statue concerning distracted driving be researched to see if it included language prohibiting a dog being in someone's lap while they are driving.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

March Training Report

Deputy Chief Gonzalez gave a review of the Training Courses that held in the month of March. He stated that we had an officer take Drug Recognition Expert Training. He stated that the training is very demanding and difficult to complete.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

Course Approval – Sergeant David Orr

- ** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR COURSE APPROVAL IN THE SUBJECT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANAGEMENT SUBMITTED BY SERGEANT DAVID ORR.
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Blaney
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