

# Norwalk Board of Police Commissioners

Mayor Harry W. Rilling  
Commissioner Charlie L. Yost  
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CITY OF NORWALK  
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
OCTOBER 15, 2018

**ATTENDANCE:** Mayor Harry Rilling; Commissioner Charles Yost; Commissioner Fran Collier-Clemmons

**STAFF:** Police Chief Thomas Kulhawik; Deputy Chief Susan Zecca; Deputy Chief James Walsh

## CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rilling called the meeting to order at 4:15 p. m. A quorum was present.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**September 25, 2018**

- \*\* COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 25, 2018 MINUTES AS SUBMITTED.
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

No member of the public came forward.

## RECOGNITION

**September/officers of the Month – Officer Geismar & Sergeant Kruger**

Chief Kulhawik stated that Officer Geismar was tasked with locating and arresting an individual that was responsible for multiple vehicle burglaries in the greater Fairfield County area, including Norwalk. They conducted surveillance on several locations in Norwalk and Bridgeport as part of the U. S. Marshal Service Violent Fugitive Task force. They also interviewed numerous family members and associates of the individual. After two months, the individual was found hiding in a third floor apartment in Bridgeport.

Chief Kulhawik stated that Sergeant Kruger used quick thinking and decisive actions to provide live saving assistance. He stated that a motorist was stranded with her daughter in a flooded section of Water Street. Sgt. Kruger observed the car submerged in water up to the headlights. He flagged down a flatbed tow truck that was on Water Street. The tow operator, Nelson Rivera, immediately agreed to assist in any way he could. Sgt. Kruger climbed aboard the flatbed and directed Rivera to get him closer to the car.

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Chief Kulhawik stated that the driver was unable to open the door due to the weight of the water against the door. The driver was able to open the sunroof and Sgt. Kruger pulled the woman's daughter to safety on the flatbed. He then rescued the driver and brought her to safety out of the vehicle onto the flatbed. No one was injured during the incident.

## **Public Safety Cadets NERLEEA Swat Challenge**

Chief Kulhawik stated that the Public Safety Cadets took first place in the NERLEEA Police Cadet SWAT challenge in Fairfield on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. He commended all of the cadets for their hard work and outstanding performance.

## **Citizen Award – Nelson Rivera**

Chief Kulhawik stated that Mr. Rivera was not present to receive the award.

## **OPERATIONS REPORT**

### **Patrol Staffing**

### **Selective Enforcement Report**

### **Detective Division Statistics**

Deputy Chief Walsh stated that we currently have 179 sworn personnel. We have two Patrolman vacancies. 16 interviews of lateral candidates were held and two conditional offers of employment were given to two of the candidates.

Deputy Chief Walsh stated that, in September, there were 30 motor vehicle burglaries. There were three residential burglaries and four commercial burglaries. There were two robberies. He stated that there was one non-fatal overdose and one sexual assault.

Deputy Chief Walsh stated that the arrest of four juveniles responsible for overnight car burglaries this past summer has led to the decline we saw in September. He stated that Slow Down days continued in September. 107 infractions were issued. He stated that one non-fatal overdose arrest was made and a large amount of cocaine was recovered.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

### **September Training Report**

Deputy Chief Zecca submitted the September Training Report. She stated that Patrol Rifle Training Program and Taser Trainings were held. New tasers were issued.

## **PERSONNEL MATTERS**

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## Seaport Waiver Administrative Fees- Oyster Festival

Deputy Chief Zecca stated that the Norwalk Seaport Association has requested that the administrative fees for the Oyster Festival be waived.

## Course Approval for Deputy Chief Walsh

**\*\* COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO ADD COURSE APPROVAL FOR DEPUTY CHIEF WALSH TO THE AGENDA.**

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

**\*\* COMMISSIONER YOST MOVED TO APPROVE DEPUTY CHIEF WALSH TO ENROLL IN THE COURSE GRANT WRITING FOR PUBLIC AND NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.**

**\*\* THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## ADJOURNMENT

**\*\* COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:37 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Blaney  
Telesco Secretarial Services