

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 FEBRUARY 25, 2019

ATTENDANCE: Mayor Harry Rilling; Commissioner Fran Collier-Clemmons

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

OTHERS: Sergeant Richard DeLallo, Officer Matthew Nyquist, Officer Andrew Green, Officer Michael Mancini, Sergeant Justin Bisceglie, Officer Javier Mogollon and Officer Ralph DeVito; Officer Michael Pugliese

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Collier-Clemmons called the meeting to order at 4:25PM. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JANUARY 28, 2019

**** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

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RECOGNITION-JANUARY OFFICERS OF THE MONTH

(Sgt. Richard DeLallo, Off. Matthew Nyquist, Off. Andrew Green, Off. Michael Mancini, Sgt. Justin Bisceglie, Off. Javier Mogollon and Off. Ralph DeVito)

Chief Kulhawik stated that during the midnight shift on January 7, 2019, Sergeant DeLallo, Officer Nyquist, Officer Green and Officer Mancini received a call of a serious assault that occurred and that the suspect had fled. Sergeant DeLallo had coordinated a detailed search which lasted almost four hours and it was very cold that night but they didn't give up and used cell phone location technology, coordinated efforts and located the suspect and took him into custody.

Mayor Rilling congratulated the officers and said this is another example of going above and beyond to apprehend someone that has committed a serious assault and had the suspect not been taken into custody may have returned and caused more harm. Commissioner Collier-Clemmons congratulated the officers and said that she is very proud and is happy to see that they used the training they received while on duty coupled with the digital age.

The Officers came forward and were offered congratulations by the Board. Pictures were taken and the Officers received certificates.

Chief Kulhawik stated that there was a medical call on January 12, 2019, and Sergeant Bisceglie, Officer Mogollon and Officer DeVito had responded and found that the victim was not breathing and began CPR and determined it was an opioid overdose and administered Narcan and the victim began to breathe on their own and was transported to the Norwalk Hospital.

Mayor Rilling congratulated the officers for stepping up and doing what was right and using the training that they have received, and he is sure that the family of the victim is grateful and hopefully the victim will receive the help that he or she needs. Commissioner Collier-Clemmons also congratulated the officers and said she is very proud of them.

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Unit Citation
(Officer David Geismar & Officer Stephen Cowf)

Chief Kulhawik said that earlier this month the awards ceremony was held and Officer Geismar and Officer Cowf should have received an award for a long term narcotics case but when the document was transferred to his office for the program Officer Geismar and Officer Cowf were left out and were not honored as they should have been. He said that he requested that they receive their award at the Police Commission meeting but unfortunately could not attend because they are out on a search warrant.

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PROMOTIONS

(Officer Michael Pugliese to Detective)

Mayor Rilling said it is always a great pleasure when we are able to watch Officers take on greater responsibilities and rise through the ranks.

Officer Pugliese came forward and was offered congratulations by the Board. Pictures were taken and Officer Pugliese was sworn in as Detective and received a certificate of promotion from Officer to Detective.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Patrol Staffing

Deputy Chief Walsh reported and said that for January the staffing remains the same.

Selective Enforcement Report

Deputy Chief Walsh reported on the significant incidences for January and said that there were nine motor vehicle accidents; three residential burglaries; three commercial burglaries; one minor robbery. There was one shooting victim and it was determined that individual who had been shot had given a false name and is a wanted fugitive out of New York City.

Deputy Chief Walsh reported on the significant Department Operations and Events and said that the performance evaluations have been conducted for all sworn and non-sworn personnel. He said that there have been ongoing meetings and discussion on the relocation of the marine base and that traffic citations were up due to enforcement efforts from the traffic unit and 469 citations have been issued in January 2019 compared to 282 in December, 2018.

Deputy Chief Walsh reported on the current investigations/initiatives and said they have rolled out the new community policing posts and that Officer Lovallo is in East Norwalk; Officer Ouellette is in the Wall Street/West Avenue corridor and Officer Salley replaced Officer Vetare in Rowayton and it is working out very well. He said there has been increased enforcement on parking violations in the area of the mall construction.

Deputy Chief Walsh said that there has been a significant increase in overdoses in January and there were seven in total and that two were fatal. He said that investigations are being conducted by the Detective

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Bureau in conjunction with the Special Services Division, and there has been an increase in compliance checks for sex offenders, deadly weapons and weapon permits related to domestic violence.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Training (January)

Deputy Chief Zecca reported and said that a few review classes were held and the Emergency Services Unit had their monthly training. She said of note three from street team had attended interview and interrogation training for advanced training, and that all of the Supervisors have been doing online NIMS/ICS training as we move forward and evolve to a incident command system for large events.

Deputy Chief Zecca said that Officer Curran who is the new Officer that was approved at the last meeting had started on Thursday and she is currently with training. She said the lateral applications just closed and there are eight applications and will be reviewing them for potential lateral hires.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS- COMPLIMENTARY LETTERS

Chief Kulhawik said that a complimentary letter was received for Officer Jose Silva who had responded to life alert alarm and received a letter from the daughter of the elderly women he had assisted.

Chief Kulhawik said that a complimentary letter was sent to LT. Blake from a patient from the Smilow Cancer Center thanking the Police Department for participating in raising funds to purchase a sleeve for her treatment that she could not afford.

**** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED SUSPEND THE RULES AND ADD AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE EDUCATIONAL STIPEND FOR OFFICER KRISTIN CURRAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$800 PER YEAR.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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EXECUTIVE SESSION- DISCUSSION OF DISABILITY PENSION ELIGIBILITY FOR OFFICER PHILLIP ROSELLE

**** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE DISCUSSION CONCERNING THE DISABILITY PENSION ELIGIBILITY FOR OFFICER PHILLIP ROSELLE.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Executive session began at 4:49PM
Executive session ended at 5:14PM

5:14PM. The Commissioners returned from Executive Session. During the Executive Session no motions were made and no votes were taken

ADJOURNMENT

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

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dilene Byrd