

Norwalk Board of Police Commissioners
Mayor Harry W. Rilling
Commissioner Charlie L. Yost
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CITY OF NORWALK
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
MAY 13, 2019

ATTENDANCE: Mayor Harry Rilling; Commissioner Charles Yost

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 15, 2019

**** COMMISSIONER YOST MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS SUBMITTED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

RECOGNITION-APRIL OFFICER OF THE MONTH

(Detective Christopher Imperato)

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Chief Kulhawik said that Detective Imparato has been doing a lot of cold case work and interviews with inmates and information had developed that a known felon that was on parole for a firearms conviction was in possession on an assault type rifle at this residence in Norwalk. Detective Imparato was able to obtain a search warrant and with the assistance of the tactical response team and they executed the warrant and recovered a high point rifle and ammunition, and took him into custody without incident. The US Attorney's Office is looking to adopt the case due to the criminal history. Mayor Rilling said this is a fine example of good police work and brought the case to a successful conclusion and he thanked Detective Imparato on behalf of the Police Commission and the City of Norwalk.

Detective Imparato came forward and was offered congratulations by the Board. Pictures were taken and he received a certificate.

PROMOTION

(Sergeant Robert Zwillich)

Sergeant Zwillich came forward and was offered congratulations by the Board. Pictures were taken and he received a certificate.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Patrol Staffing

Deputy Chief Walsh reported and said that for the month of April there were two retirements and there are currently three vacancies in patrol. Detective English has been on extended military leave and is due to return on July 15, 2019, and will go through in service training. Mayor Rilling asked if the training will be done in house. Chief Kulhawik said "yes". Detective Walsh said that one Detective remains on light duty and four officers remain on extended worker's compensation for extended injures. Mayor Rilling asked if he has followed up on the status on their return to work dates. Chief Kulhawik said they meet with Mr. Green, Mr. Burney and the union at a minimum of once a month and the injuries are all serious injuries.

Selective Enforcement Report

Deputy Chief Walsh reported on the significant incidents and said that burglaries have decreased; there was one robbery; and two overdoses in which none were fatal.

Deputy Chief Walsh reported on the significant operations and said that for the distracted driving enforcement there were 312 infractions issued, and extra security was provided to al the City of Norwalk Synagogues for Chabad and other programs following the post domestic terrorist incident in San Diego,

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and there was extra security for all religious institutions for Passover and the Easter holiday considering the events throughout the world.

Deputy Chief Walsh reported on the current investigations and said that Detective Imparato executed a search warrant at the residence of Tyrone Sawyer a convicted felon and gang member. The detective bureau has initiated a fraud check investigation from the Norwalk Public School involving five different schools and said that twelve checks were electronically duplicated with account numbers and fraudulently cashed.

Deputy Chief Walsh said that 647 infractions were issued for the month of April which is a slight increase from March. Chief Kulhawik said that serious crimes are down overall.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Training (April)

Deputy Chief Zecca reported and said that most of the training for the month was annual review credit training. She said that she had attended a police suicide forum that was hosted by the NYPD and it was very informative.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

Tuition Reimbursement- Sergeant David Orr

**** COMMISSIONER YOST MOVED TO APPROVE THE TUITION REIMBURSEMENT FOR SERGEANT ORR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,440.00**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Tuition Reimbursement- Officer Edgar Gonzales

**** COMMISSIONER YOST MOVED TO APPROVE THE MANAGEMENT OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COURSE.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COMMISSIONER YOST MOVED TO APPROVE THE TUITION REIMBURSEMENT FOR OFFICER GONZALES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,810.00**

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Tuition Reimbursement- Sergeant Sofia Gulino

**** COMMISSIONER YOST MOVED TO APPROVE THE TUITION REIMBURSEMENT FOR SERGEANT GULINO IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,440.00**

Course Approval- Detective Brendan Collins

**** COMMISSIONER YOST MOVED TO APPROVE THE TEN COURSES AS SUBMITTED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Vacation Carry-Over Request- Deputy Chief Susan Zecca

**** COMMISSIONER YOST MOVED TO APPROVE THE VACATION CARRY OVER REQUEST FOR DEPUTY CHIEF ZECCA.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Complimentary Letters

Chief Kulhawik said that Officer Wasilewski received a complimentary letter for a car seat installation session that he held.

Chief Kulhawik said that Detective Brendan Collins received a complimentary letter from the Watertown Police Department regarding his assistance in a harassing phone investigation.

Chief Kulhawik said that the Detective Cisero received complimentary letter regarding his continuing work on a double homicide case from the mother of the female victim thanking him for his continuing efforts.

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ADJOURNMENT

**** COMMISSIONER YOST MOVED TO ADJOURN.**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dilene Byrd