

Norwalk Board of Police Commissioners
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CITY OF NORWALK
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 18, 2019

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

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rilling called the meeting to order at 4:57PM. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAY 13, 2019

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

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH ONE ABSTENSION- MS. COLLIER-CLEMMONS.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

RECOGNITION-APRIL OFFICER OF THE MONTH
(Officer Ramon Tejada)

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Chief Kulhawik said that Officer Tejada was recognized for an incident that occurred on May 31, 2019, on an attempted purse snatching in the area of 3 North Water Street. Officer Tejada along with additional officers were able to get the suspect into custody and was arrested for attempting to steal the purse and attempted robbery.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Patrol Staffing

Deputy Chief Walsh reported and said that for the month of May and there are currently 176 sworn personnel and that Officer Edgar Gonzalez laterally transferred to the Stamford Police Department; there are currently three vacancies in patrol and Detective English remains on extended military leave. Detective Walsh said that one Detective remains on light duty and four officers remain on extended worker's compensation for extended injuries.

Selective Enforcement Report

Deputy Chief Walsh reported on the significant incidents and said that burglaries of motor vehicles have decreased to four, but there was recently a spike on Gillies Lane over this past weekend and they had put out the information on social media to have people start locking their cars; there were two residential robberies and no commercial robberies for the month; and there were four overdoses and are being investigated and he believes that there has been one arrest made so far.

Deputy Chief Walsh reported on the significant operations and said that 18 infractions were given during the Click it or Ticket for the month of May. The traffic unit had a successful commercial vehicle inspection with the Connecticut State Police and that 12 trucks were inspected and that eight infractions were issued totaling \$50,000 in fines. Extra observation was provided to Al-Madany Mosque for Ramadan.

Deputy Chief Walsh reported on the current investigations and said that Detective Taranto arrested two individuals on arrest warrants on 19 counts of motor vehicle burglary and larceny from school buses in September 2018, and that Isaac Jackson was arrested for robbery and conspiracy.

Deputy Chief Walsh said that 463 infractions were issued for the month of May

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Training (May)

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Deputy Chief Zecca reported and said that most of the training for the month was annual review credit training and of note Mr. Spahr assisted with the autism awareness training. She said that Sgt. Paulino attended the National Computer Forensics Institute where he received extensive training and they will now be purchasing additional equipment to help with some of the more detailed investigations. She said that a lot of fire arms training has been done for the month and a few officers were sent to stress management surviving traumatic events and resilience training. Mayor Rilling asked if the new state law regarding use of force will have any effect. Chief Kulhawik said “no’ because they already do what is required.

Recovery of Abandoned or lost Money

Chief Kulhawik said there is money in the property room that has not been claimed and there is a State Statue that will allow the department to reclaim the money for use within the police department. Commissioner Yost asked what the funds will be used for. Chief Kulhawik said that they would like to purchase a vehicle for the property officer to securely transport items to the state lab.

**** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE ESTABLISHING A RESERVE FUND OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF WHICH THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS SHALL BE THE TRUSTEES PERSUANT TO CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUE 7-296 AND TO FURTHER INSTRUCT THE POLICE DEPARMENT TO WORK WITH THE LAW DEPARTMENT TO DEVELOP THE APPROPRIATE PROTOCOLS AND POLICY.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

PERSONNEL MATTERS

Tuition Reimbursement- Deputy Chief Walsh

**** COMMISSIONER YOST MOVED TO APPROVE THE TUITION REIMBURSEMENT FOR DEPUTY CHIEF WALSH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,447.00**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Tuition Reimbursement- Lieutenant Jared Zwickler

**** COMMISSIONER YOST MOVED TO APPROVE THE TUITION REIMBURSEMENT FOR LIETENANT ZWICKLER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$871.25**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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Tuition Reimbursement - Sergeant Joseph Dinho

**** COMMISSIONER YOST MOVED TO APPROVE THE TUITION REIMBURSEMENT FOR SERGEANT JOSEPH DINHO IN THE AMOUNT OF \$337.50
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Tuition Reimbursement – Officer Daniel Vazquez

**** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE TUITION REIMBURSEMENT FOR OFFICER DANIEL VAZQUEZ IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1410.00
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Course Approval- Officer Kelly Haddy

**** COMMISSION COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE COURSE SELECTION AS REQUIRED TO PERSUE HER MASTERS DEGREE IN FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Vacation Carry-Over Request- Deputy Chief James Walsh

**** COMMISSIONER YOST MOVED TO APPROVE THE VACATION CARRY OVER REQUEST OF 20 DAYS FOR DEPUTY CHIEF WALSH.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Drop Request Officer Michael Cote

**** COMMISSIONER YOST MOVED TO TABLE THE DROP REQUEST FOR OFFICER MICHAEL COTE UNTIL THE DATES ARE CONFIRMED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Complimentary Letters

Chief Kulhawik said that there was a Facebook post of Officer Serrano thanking him for clearing an alarm and showing her son's the inside of the police car and making their day.

Chief Kulhawik said that Officer Sally had a post on Twitter thanking him for his great interaction at the Rowayton Farmers Market.

Chief Kulhawik said that he received an email from Deputy Chief Prescott of the Norwalk Fire Department thanking Detective Taranto for his assistance on a boat fire.

Chief Kulhawik said that he received a letter thanking Officer Lavallo for purchasing and installing the flags of the bridge prior to the Memorial Day parade.

Chief Kulhawik said that he received a letter thanking Lieutenant Blake for posting information on Next Door and keeping them informed.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dilene Byrd