

Norwalk Board of Police Commissioners
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CITY OF NORWALK
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 21, 2019

ATTENDANCE: Commissioner Charles Yost; Commissioner Fran Collier-Clemmons

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

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Yost called the meeting to order at 4:35PM. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2019.

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

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

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RECOGNITION-SEPTEMBER OFFICERS OF THE MONTH

(Sergeant Sal Calise, Officer Monica Billingslea, Officer Kelly Haddy & Officer Christopher Kassimis)

Chief Kulhawik said that Sergeant Calise coordinated the officers during a response of entering a house to determine what had occurred and discovered a lot of blood and upon searching the house found an individual who had tried to take his life by self-inflicted stab wounds. He said it was a very difficult situation and that Sergeant Calise had recommended the three officers for Officer of the Month but did not recommend himself. Chief Kulhawik said that he had added Sergeant Calise because of his efforts and teamwork approach and that the paramedics had also commented on the great work that they had done.

Sergeant Calise , Officer Billingslea, Officer Haddy and Officer Kassimis came forward and were offered congratulations by the Board. Pictures were taken and they received certificates.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Patrol Staffing

Deputy Chief Walsh reported and said that for the month of June and there are currently 176 sworn personnel; there are currently three vacancies in patrol and five officers remain on extended worker's compensation.

Selective Enforcement Report

Deputy Chief Walsh reported on the significant incidents and said that there were 19 burglaries of motor vehicles and that they usually see a spike when kids return back to school and the detective bureau has been proactive in pursuing the cases ; there were four residential burglaries and two commercial robberies for the month; and there were two fatal overdoses which are being investigated by the detective bureau and the Special Services Division, and they have identified several individuals that were dealing heroin laced with fentanyl and made four separate arrests, and are pursuing leads to see if they are connected to any of the victims.

Deputy Chief Walsh said that Community Services and the Traffic Division have partnered with the MTA in "Operation Clear Track" to bring awareness to railroad crossing safety and gave out violations for several infractions.

Deputy Chief Walsh said that the Detective Bureau arrested Shakita Hudson for a stabbing assault that occurred on Suncrest Road.

Deputy Chief Walsh said the month of September was extremely busy for manpower for work load due to special events and the 24 hour construction of the Sono Collection.

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Deputy Chief Walsh said that 389 infractions were issued for the month of September which is down from the month of August and speeding was still the top producer.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Training (September)

Deputy Chief Zecca reported and said most of the training for the month of September was for E.S.U. unit and K-9 team. Additionally, they were able to send two units to the CIT Training for crisis intervention and are slowly trying to get all of the officers trained but the classes are very limited and are only offered four times a year.

Deputy Chief Zecca reported on the hiring process and said that at the next meeting they will be looking at a few laterals for hiring, and have interviewed ten candidates for entry level testing but cannot get any academy seats until June so that process will be delayed.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

Tuition Reimbursement- Lieutenant Blake

**** COMMISSIONER COLLIER CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE TUITION REIMBURSEMENT FOR LIEUTENANT BLAKE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,002.46.**

****THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Complimentary Letters

Chief Kulhawik said that he received an email from Mr. Andrew Seidel stating that after having “Coffee with a Cop” in Rowayton he had noticed a prowler on Arnold Lane and called it in at 1:00AM and the officer responded and were able to arrest a suspect for entering into cars.

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Chief Kulhawik said that he received an email from Collin Baker who was involved in a motor vehicle accident praising Officer Ortiz and Officer Taylor for their professionalism and understanding and is proud that they are members of the department.

Commissioner Clemmons said that she is very proud of Chief Kulhawik, Deputy Chief Walsh and Deputy Chief Zecca for how they have structured the Norwalk Police Department, and when she read the incident in which the officers were recognized for today and unlike what had happened in Fort Worth Texas resulted in a very good outcome and is so proud of how the men and women respond to the training and how it was executed.

ADJOURNMENT

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

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dilene Byrd