

**CITY OF NORWALK
POLICE COMMISSION
&
TRAFFIC AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 17, 2008**

ATTENDANCE: Daniel O'Connor, Chairman; Mayor Richard A. Moccia,
Commissioner Peter Torrano

STAFF: Police Chief Harry Rilling, Deputy Chief Thomas
Kulhawik

OTHERS: Officer Patrick English, Sergeant Sue Holland; Ms. Cathy Debes,
Ms. Iolanda Cirifalco, Council President Fred Bondi

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman O'Connor called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

**** COMMISSIONER TORRANO MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES
OF THE OCTOBER 20, 2008 MEETING AS SUBMITTED.
** MAYOR MOCCIA SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

OCTOBER TRAINING REPORT

Chief Rilling briefly reviewed the October Training Report with the Commissioners.

**OCTOBER OFFICER OF THE MONTH
(Off. Patrick English)**

Chief Rilling reviewed two different incidents where Officer English apprehended suspects due to his persistence and observational skills. One involved a hidden location of a chop shop for stolen vehicles and the second on the following day involved the

apprehension of a suspect who had been wielding and firing a BB gun at various residents of a public housing complex.

The Commissioners then presented Officer English with a Certificate for his excellent work on these two cases.

TUITION REIMBURSEMENT
(Off. Bertha Stuckley)

** **MAYOR MOCCIA MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING TUITION REIMBURSEMENT:**

THE SUM OF \$778.50 TO OFFICER BERTHA STUCKLEY UPON COMPLETION OF A COURSE IN CRIMINOLOGY AND THE SUM OF \$810.00 UPON COMPLETION OF A COURSE IN POLICING THEORY AND PRACTICE TOWARDS A BACHELOR'S DEGREE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX.

** **COMMISSIONER TORRANO SECONDED.**
** **THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

FORMS APPROVAL (NPD099)
(Identity Theft)

Deputy Chief Kulhawik reviewed the proposed forms to be used by the Department when residents report Identity Theft. He added that these forms will also be available online.

** **COMMISSIONER TORRANO MOVED TO APPROVE FORM NPD099 – IDENTITY THEFT.**
** **MAYOR MOCCIA SECONDED.**
** **THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ACCREDITATION UPDATE

Sergeant Sue Holland came forward and reported that the Department had run a mock up accreditation update on November 7th and that the full onsite inspect was scheduled for

December 13th. She explained that there were 460 standards that the Department was expected to meet and that 27% of the files has already been submitted to the assessors for review. Sgt. Holland then distributed the upcoming review schedule to the Commissioners and reminded everyone that the assessors would be checking for proofs of compliance, including the monthly reports. Chief Rilling commented that both Sgt. Holland and Det. Lepore had been working very hard to prepare for the accreditation visit.

PERSONNEL ORDER NO. 08-03

(Re-Assignments)

Chief Rilling then briefly informed the Commission about the recent assignments that had been implemented.

SPECIAL ORDER NO. 08-16

(Death Notice)

Mayor Moccia then offered sincere condolences to Chairman O'Connor on the recent death of his father, Thomas O'Connor, and said that Mr. O'Connor fit the description of someone that he had never head a bad word about. Chairman O'Connor then thanked the Mayor for his kind words.

- ** **MAYOR MOCCIA THEN MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO DISCUSS SOME ISSUES REGARDING TRAFFIC.**
- ** **COMMISSIONER TORRANO SECONDED.**
- ** **THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Ms. Cathy Debes and Ms. Iolanda Cirifalco introduced themselves. Ms. Debes said that she is a resident of Oakfield Street and Ms. Cirifalco said that she lives on Garner Street. Recently, one property owner at the corner of Garner and Oakfield had "No Parking To Corner" signs installed on his property by the City. Originally, the signs were located 25 feet from the corner, but later were moved much further back. Ms. Debes and Ms. Cirifalco wished to know why this was done, as it impacts the street parking on a side street. Mayor Moccia said that the Commission would look into who moved the signs and Chief Rilling said that he would follow up on this issue.

Council President Fred Bondi then asked about signs for Eugene Drive, where many people park to walk their children into Naramake School. The Mayor said that Naramake would be contacted about the on going issue of student pick up and drop off.

Council President Bondi then asked about having crosswalks installed. He had received a call earlier in the day requesting a crosswalk be put in at the intersection of Gregory Boulevard and Fifth Street, by the Roger Ludlow monument and the nearby playground. The Mayor suggested that this request be sent to Mr. Eshraghi.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- ** MAYOR MOCCIA MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION REGARDING PERSONNEL MATTERS.**
- ** COMMISSIONER TORRANO SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Commissioners, Police Chief Rilling and Corporation Counsel Maslan entered into executive session at 4:30 p.m. to discuss matters concerning the appointment, employment, performance, evaluation, health or dismissal of public officers or employees.

Executive Session ended at 4:56 p.m.

After Executive Session, the following vote was taken:

Acceptance of Deputy Chief Rosemary Arway's retirement effective January 7, 2009 pursuant to the terms of the agreement between her and the City of Norwalk.

- ** CHAIRMAN O'CONNOR MOVED TO ACCEPT THE RETIREMENT OF DEPUTY CHIEF ROSEMARY ARWAY EFFECTIVE JANUARY 7, 2009.**
- ** MAYOR MOCCIA SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services

