

MINUTES OF THE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING

**Thursday, May 9, 2024 at 7:00p.m.
Town Hall Annex
66 Prospect Street**

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Commissioners Present: Sharon Dornfeld, Chairperson
Issy Caporale, Secretary
Marianne Coffin
John Frey
Present By Phone: Ralph Money

Also Present: Chief Jeff Kreitz
Major Shawn Platt

These minutes are an overview of the meeting; not a verbatim text.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by Chairperson Dornfeld

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairperson Dornfeld requested a motion to accept the minutes of the April 11, 2024 Police Commission Meeting. Commissioner Coffin made a motion and Commissioner Caporale seconded the motion.

All in Favor

**Minutes of the April 11, 2024 Police Commission Meeting
accepted as written.**

Chairperson Dornfeld requested a motion to accept the minutes of the May 1, 2024 Police Commission Special Meeting. Commissioner Coffin made a motion and Commissioner Money seconded the motion.

All in Favor

**Minutes of the May 1, 2024 Police Commission Special Meeting
accepted as written.**

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. COMMISSION CORRESPONDENCE**A. Voicemail**

Commissioner Caporale stated she received one voicemail for the month of March, which she addressed.

B. Written Correspondence

Chief Kreitz stated he received two Highway Use Permits, which were signed by Chairperson Dornfeld.

A. Fireworks (RHS)	07/06/24	Rain Date 07/07/24
B. Summerfest	07/27/24	

4. NEW BUSINESS

None.

5. OLD BUSINESS**A. Public Safety Building Update**

Chairperson Dornfeld provided an overview of the most recent public safety building meeting. She also provided an update on how the public communications are progressing.

B. Chief Kreitz stated that we are in the background process for the police officer vacancy. He stated that the number one candidate on the hiring list declined the job offer. The number two candidate accepted the offer.

6. CHIEF'S REPORT**A. Traffic/Sign Report**

The following report was submitted by Sgt. Mark Caswell Sign

Subject: April 2024 Sign Report

Sign Repair:

Replaced the Keep Right sign at Ivy Hill Rd and Branchville Rd.

Line Painting

The double yellow lines and white hand work which are the stop bars and cross walks are currently being repainted. To date, two thirds of the double yellow lines and one half of the hand work is complete. For the first time, the handwork is being done in epoxy paint which will last 2 to 3 times longer than the latex paint used in the past.

B. TRAINING/PR REPORT

The following report was submitted by Capt. Jeff Raines, Division of Professional Standards.

**Ridgefield Police Department
Training & Community Policing/Public Relations Report
April 2024**

Training Attended:

- April 3-5:** Sergeant Geller attended the second of three training sessions for L.O.C.K.U.P. at the CT Dept. of Corrections in Cheshire, CT.
- April 15-19:** Officer Theodore, Officer Bloom and Officer Luis attended Crisis Intervention Training (C.I.T.) at the Danbury Police Department.
- April 17-19:** Sergeant Geller attended the third of three training sessions for L.O.C.K.U.P. at the CT Dept. of Corrections in Cheshire, CT.
- April 22-23:** Officer Kay attended Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) Training at the Danbury Police Department.
- April 24:** K9 Officer McKnight and ACO Zulkeski attended Pet CPR and First Aid training at the Fairfield Regional Fire School.
- April 25:** Officer Olivares and Officer Clark attended Firearms Instructor Pre-qualifications training in West Point, NY. (They both passed the course)

P/R Events:

- April 27:** Captain Raines completed the first of two National Drug Take Back Days with members of the Ridgefield Prevention Council. It was held outside of the Walgreens Pharmacy.
- April 29:** Captain Raines participated as a presenter at the Safe and Savvy Driving Workshop, along with Mark the Ridgefield Driving School and Pamby Motors.

Upcoming Events:

The RHS senior intern (Matthew Mullen) will be starting his internship with us from May 13th through June 11th.

Officer Brian Kay will be honored at the annual Officer of the Year ceremony on May 16th at the Aqua Turf Club.

We will be hosting our annual Memorial (Gravesite) Ceremony on May 23rd @ 1000 hours at the Lounsbury House. All are encouraged to attend.

School Resource Officer Kate Williams will be hosting the annual GRADD ceremony on May 30th @ 1000 hours in front of Town Hall.

A total of 11 Public Relations were performed during the month to include:

- Officers met with the staff and children at the Shir Shalom Temple.
- Several car seat installations were performed.
- Officers met with local businesses and spoke with employees.
- Officers gave several Rides-To-School. (Gift Certificate recipients)
- Multiple Social Media posts were put out in regards to Police Activities & Safety Messages

C. DEPARTMENT STATS

Chief Kreitz stated the total number of incidents for the month of April 2024 was 1,459. He highlighted some of the statistics for the month.

Chief Kreitz stated the officers are working hard with proactive enforcement and visibility.

Chief Kreitz provided an overview of the traffic data that was collected on High Ridge Avenue.

7. Union Participation

None.

8. Executive Session: Personnel Matter

A. ACO Equipment

Commissioner Money made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:37pm. Commissioner Caporale seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously

The Police Commission returned to Public Session at 7:54pm.

**Commissioner Frey made a motion to adjourn at 7:55pm.
Commissioner Caporale seconded the motion.**

Motion carried unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Issy Caporale
Police Commission Secretary