

MINUTES OF THE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING

**Thursday, October 10, 2024 at 7:00p.m.
Town Hall Annex
66 Prospect Street**

Anyone requiring special accommodations due to disability is asked to contact Headquarters at 438-6531 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Commissioners Present: Sharon Dornfeld, Chairperson
Issy Caporale, Secretary
John Frey
Ralph Money
Absent: Marcie Coffin

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 7:00pm by Chairperson Dornfeld

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairperson Dornfeld requested a motion to accept the minutes of the September 12, 2024 Police Commission Meeting. Commissioner Money made a motion and Commissioner Frey seconded the motion.

All in Favor

**Minutes of the September 12, 2024 Police Commission Meeting
accepted as written.**

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. COMMISSION CORRESPONDENCE

A. Voicemail

Commissioner Caporale stated there were no voicemail for the month of September.

B. Written Correspondence

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

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| • Half Marathon | 10/20/24 | 0700-1030 |
| • Halloween Walk | 10/26/24 | 1000-1200 |
| • Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot | 11/28/24 | 0800 Kids
0830 5K |

4. NEW BUSINESS**A. Detective Division Commanders Annual Report**

Captain Jeff Smith, Detective Division Commander, gave an overall view of the Detective Division and what each detectives responsibilities are including stolen cars, fraud, burglaries, School Resource Officers (SRO), serious and fatal car accidents, pistol permits, assault cases, arrest warrants, narcotics, background investigations, Juvenile cases, the Juvenile Review Board and the Drug Take Back Program to name a few. Capt. Smith commended the detectives for a job well done. Chief Kreitz, Chairperson Dornfeld, along with the other Commissioners, recognize the high standards the detectives perform at.

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

Chief Kreitz stated that First Selectman Marconi, Director of Facilities Jake Muller, Fire Chief Jerry Myers and himself have presented the project to multiple groups and private tours during the past month. The next follow up meeting with the working group will be October 28.

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

Major Platt stated that there was no signage installed for the month of September. Sgt. Caswell, along with the Town Highway, will schedule sign installation and repair in the next few weeks.

Chief Kreitz stated a probationary police officer will be sworn in on Thursday, October 17.

The State was called about a stop sign down on Branchville Road/Main Street and a crosswalk sign down on Danbury Road near Adam Broderick.

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
September 2024**

Training Attended:

- Sept. 10&11:** Captain Fowler, Detective DuBord, Detective Ladue, Officer Seibert, Officer Williams, Officer Theodore and Officer Bloom completed EMR (Emergency Medical Responder) recert at HQ, instructed by Captain Smith and Sergeant Caswell.
- Sept. 17:** Sergeant Caswell attended UAS/Drones for Safety Round Table in Storrs, CT.
- Sept. 18:** Several retired officers attended HR-218 at the Wooster Mountain Range, instructed by Captain Fowler and Detective Dardis.
- Sept. 20:** Chief Kreitz, Major Platt and Captain Raines attended the John Bailey Seminar (New Laws/Legal Updates) at CCSU.
- Sept. 25:** The entire department attended our annual inspection and new Laws class at HQ. The class was instructed by States Attorney David Applegate from GA-3.
- Sept. 27:** Lieutenant Durling, Sergeant Van Wattum, Officer Giglio, Officer Mulvihill, Officer Hartling, Officer B. Romero and Officer Matos attended annual Firearms Qualifications at the Wooster Mountain Range, instructed by Captain Fowler, Detective Dardis and Officer Olivares.

P/R Events:

- Sept. 8:** The PBA Safety Day was hosted at the East Ridge Middle School.

We were assisted by Eagle 2 and its crew out of New Milford and The weather beautiful and we had a great turn-out.

- Sept. 11:** Chief Kreitz, Captain Fowler, Captain Raines, Lieutenant Knoche (HG), Sergeant Geller (HG), Sergeant Van Wattum (HG), Officer Olivares (HG), Officer Vasquez (HG) and Officer Luis (HG) attended the annual 9/11 remembrance ceremony at Ridgefield Parks & Rec.
- Sept. 13:** Captain Raines and Detective DuBord participated in the first Statewide Recruitment Fair at POSTC in Meriden, CT.
- Sept 21:** Members of the Car Seat Unit: Sgt. DiFalco, Officer Vasquez and Officer Clark participated in a multi-jurisdictional safety event with Danbury PD, Brookfield PD and New Milford PD at Litchfield Crossings in Litchfield, CT.

Upcoming Events:

- Oct. 17:** Probationary Officer Julian Pagliuco #227 will be sworn in at HQ at 9:00am. He is a lateral transfer from the Metro DC Police Dept.
- Oct. 23:** Captain Raines and Detective DuBord will be participating in the WCSU Recruitment Fair at the Danbury Fair Mall.
- Oct. 26:** “National Drug Take Back” day will be held outside the Bissell Pharmacy from 10:00am to 2:00pm. The Ridgefield Prevention Council will be assisting us once again.
- Oct. 31:** Trunk or Treat will be at the Lounsbury House, in the parking lot from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. Registration forms were sent out to potential participants.

A total of 6 Public Relations were performed during the month(s) to include:

- Officers met with the staff and children at the Shir Shalom Temple.
- Several car seat installations were performed.
- Chief Kreitz performed several tours of HQ for town residents.
- Officers met with local businesses and spoke with employees.

- 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 September 2024 was 1,378. He highlighted some of the statistics for the month.

7. Union Participation

None.

**Commissioner Frey made a motion to adjourn at 08:15pm.
Commissioner Money seconded the motion.**

Motion carried unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Issy Caporale
Police Commission Secretary