

Town of Ridgefield Police Commission Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 14, 2026 at 7:02 pm
Meeting Location: Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Sharon Dornfeld (Chair), Issy Caporale (Secretary; until 7:05pm), Ralph Money, John Frey, Stephen Riebling (from 7:08pm)

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Jeff Kreitz, Major Nick Fowler & Amy Platt

These minutes are a general summary of the meeting and are not intended to be a verbatim transcription.

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made John Frey to approve the April meeting minutes. Seconded by Ralph Money.
Motion carried 4-0.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

3. COMMISSION CORRESPONDENCE

A. Voicemail – None

B. Written Correspondence

- 1) Request for Highway Use Permit for the Ridgefield Running Club's Southwest Café Margarita 5K on July 25, 2026.
- 2) Request for Highway Use Permit for the Lounsbury House Summerfest Event on July 25, 2026.
- 3) Request for Highway Use Permit for the Town of Ridgefield Fireworks on July 4, 2026 (Rain date July 5th).

Motion made by John Frey to approve all three permits as presented. Seconded by Ralph Money.
Motion carried 4-0.

4. OLD BUSINESS – None

5. NEW BUSINESS – None

6. CHIEF'S REPORT

A. Training & Public Relations Report – Submitted by Cpt. John Knoche

Throughout the month of April, several officers were assigned to meet with the business owners and employees along Main Street to gather input on recent complaints. Officers also met frequently with religious institutions.

Foot patrols of Main Street, Ballard Park and Ballard Green were completed. During these checks, the Officers spoke to residents, while at the same time, monitoring activity. It has been a positive interaction thus far with the businesses, as well as the parents/youth. We continue to check-in with the businesses and monitor areas for improvement.

A total of 53 public relations events took place during the month, including: National Drug Take Back Day, safety demonstrations at schools, and educational sessions at Ridgefield Crossing and Jesse Lee Church about ways to protect yourself from fraud/scams.

23 Officers attended one or more trainings during the month of April.

Upcoming Events:

- 1) The Citizen Police Academy ends May 6.
- 2) RPD's annual Memorial Ceremony is scheduled for May 21.
- 3) The Memorial Day Parade kicks off on May 25 at 1000 hours.

B. Department Statistics

- Chief Kreitz shared the Department's monthly incident statistics.

C. Miscellaneous

- Feedback on the presence of the motorcycle unit around town has been very positive.
- Discussions have begun regarding a roadway safety audit/engineering study along a section of Rte. 7 near the Danbury line. The necessary paperwork will need to be filed with the State before a decision/timing is solidified.

7. UNION PARTICIPATION – No Union business was discussed.

With no further business, John Frey moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:37pm. Stephen Riebling seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

REMINDER: Next meeting Thursday, June 11, 2025 at 7:00pm