



# EAST HAVEN DEPARTMENT OF POLICE SERVICES

471 NORTH HIGH STREET • EAST HAVEN, CONNECTICUT 06512

Mayor Joseph Maturo, Jr.



Honorable Board of  
Police Commissioners

## HONORABLE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

MAY 28, 2019 AT 7:00 PM  
471 NORTH HIGH STREET  
EAST HAVEN, CT

**COMMISSIONER(S) PRESENT:** Chairman William Illingworth (presiding), Vice Chairman Joseph DiSilvestro, Commissioner Dawne Flynn, Commissioner Eduardo Torrealba, Commissioner Paul Carbo

**ALSO PRESENT:** Chief Edward Lennon, Deputy Chief James Naccarato, Citizens, ETV Videographer

Chairman Illingworth called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Moment of Silence
3. Roll Call – Clerk Maldonado; quorum obtained
4. Announcement(s)

On behalf of the Board, Chairman Illingworth is proud to congratulate the Chief and the entire Department on achieving their national CALEA Accreditation stating it is the most tremendous thing to happen to this police department as very few Departments in the state of Connecticut, and fewer throughout the United States, can claim such an achievement.

Chief Lennon stated that the award is a testament to the men and women of the Department, and credited the Town Administration and the community for their ongoing support.

Additionally, the Department will seek accreditation with the State of Connecticut.

5. Consider and act upon the approval of the regular monthly meeting minutes of April 30, 2019

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to accept and approve the regular monthly meeting minutes of April 30, 2019 as received; seconded by Commissioner Flynn. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Consider and act upon the approval of the monthly reports (May 2019)

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to accept and approve the monthly reports as received; seconded by Commissioner Torrealba. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Consider and act upon Committee Reports & Recommendations

- a. Alarms Committee – Alarm violations have decreased from April to May.
- b. Police Personnel Committee – Will address under 12.a.
- c. Traffic & Public Safety Committee – Several requests under review.

8. Public Comment

- a. Sal Ferrara (57 Waldo Street) – Excessive speeding on Bradley Street, specifically on the weekend in the afternoon. Cars, motorcycles, truck have no regard for the speed limit. Consideration of speed bumps.

Chief Lennon will put focused traffic enforcement and place the speed trailer to slow people down and collect detailed traffic information. The Town does not generally install speed bumps for various reasons. We will continue to monitor the issues.

9. Correspondence Received/Sent

- a. Margaret Henry Thomas (42 Grannis Street), dated May 18, 2019 – Excessive vehicle noise levels that violate the Town ordinance and request for enforcement

Chief Lennon recently addressed the noise issue in the Department Monthly Staff Meeting advising the Supervisors to step up enforcement on all patrol shifts.

Of note, several things that were acceptable even 10 years ago, we cannot do anymore per State statute. The noise meters are not easy to use in that we have to be mindful of houses/buildings/surroundings – we cannot just set it up and use it; it is very difficult to conduct a noise evaluation on a vehicle. Lastly, the old way of checking motorcycles for baffles cannot be done for two reasons: 1) it could cause damage and 2) could constitute an improper search. However, if the noise is ground-shakenly obvious, we can take enforcement action. We will also post to social media addressing excessive noise and speeding as the summer season begins. The Chief's office will follow up with Ms. Thomas.

- b. Officer David Torello (Retirement Notification and request for Supernumerary status), dated May 30, 2019 – Will address under 12.a.

10. Department Updates (Chief Lennon)

a. Personnel Matters/Injured Employees

- i. Two sworn vacancies – One (1) Officer and one (1) Sergeant. The civil service written exam for Sergeant is scheduled for July 20, the oral portion will follow. Officer backgrounds are in progress for Academy seats in September/October.
- ii. Four (4) sworn personnel currently out on injured status; two (2) long term injury (one from the May 2018 SWAT incident in North Haven) and two (2) pending further status updates from Human Resources; return to duty unknown.
- iii. One (1) sworn personnel injured on duty but has already returned to active status.

b. Overtime

As expected, overtime is high but below this same time last year. We are fairly confident that, barring any major event, we can cover any deficit from within our own budget.

c. Awards & Commendations – Will address under 12.a.

d. Noteworthy News

11. Old Business

12. New Business

- a. Consider and act upon the retirement of Officer David Torello and his request for Supernumerary status.

Clerk Maldonado read aloud the Retirement Notification letter from Officer David Torello.

Chief Lennon commented that Officer Torello has served honorably for nearly 26 years, is in great standing and highly recommends him for Supernumerary. He is a good employee and we wish him the best. Officer Torello is also our nomination for this year's East Haven Rotary Club Joseph Buonome Memorial Public Safety Award to be presented at the Rotary's Annual Installation of Officers Dinner on Thursday, June 27 at Seasons Restaurant. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to accept the retirement of Officer David Torello and grant his request for Supernumerary status effective June 30, 2019; seconded by Commissioner Flynn. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Adjournment

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Torrealba. Chairman Illingworth adjourned the meeting at 7:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha M. Maldonado

Clerk to the Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

*[Audio recording on file – duration 18:03 minutes]*