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Mayor Joseph A. Carfora

Honorable Board of
Police Commissioners

HONORABLE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 26, 2024 AT 7:00 PM

471 NORTH HIGH STREET
EAST HAVEN, CT

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chairman Dominic Balletto (presiding), Vice Chairman Joseph DiSilvestro, Commissioner Paul Carbo, Commissioner Dianne Romans, Commissioner Barbara Barbuio

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Edward Lennon, Deputy Chief Patrick Tracy, Clerk Marsha Maldonado

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

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Moment of Silence - In memory of the lives lost in the bridge accident in Baltimore, Maryland. The Francis Scott Key Bridge suffered a catastrophic collapse after a container ship collided with it early this morning.
3. Roll Call - Clerk Maldonado - quorum obtained.
4. Announcement(s)
5. Consider and act upon the approval of the Monthly Meeting minutes of February 27, 2024
Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to accept and approve the Monthly Meeting minutes of February 27, 2024, as received; seconded by Commissioner Romans. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Consider and act upon the approval of the Monthly Reports (March 2024)
Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to accept and approve the monthly reports as received; seconded by Commissioners Romans, Carbo and Barbuio. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Consider and act upon Committee Reports & Recommendations
8. Public Comment

9. Correspondence Received/Sent

- a. Request for a review of the intersection of Hemingway and Dodge Avenues for a turn signal at the entrance of 85A Hemingway Avenue Apartment complex (55-plus community), which is prone to accidents:
 - i. Laura Cusano, Resident - via EHPD website email dated January 16, 2024
 - ii. Anubha Agarwal, William Raveis Real Estate - via EHPD website email dated March 16, 2024

As Route 142 is a State route, Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to send a letter to CT DOT requesting a review of this intersection; seconded by Commissioners Carbo and Barbuio. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. CT DOT notification - via email dated March 22, 2024

Pursuant to an email sent/received on July 8, 2022, a formal written request was submitted to the CT DOT to have Center Line Rumble Strips (CLRS) installed on Route 100 as unanimously approved by the East Haven Board of Police Commissioners (BOPC) at a special meeting of September 15, 2022.

Route 100 (North High Street) is on the CT DOT paving list this year, from I-95 to Route 80 (Foxon Road). CLRS could be installed along the length of Route 100 as part of paving that segment. Normally, in areas with residences close to the road, the CT DOT would host a public information meeting to capture any comments about installing CLRS. With the Town's confirmation to proceed with the CLRS project, CT DOT will coordinate a public meeting with the Mayor's office and notify the Local Traffic Authority (LTA) of such.

Chief Lennon commented that accident data supports the installation of CLRS, especially near the State range (Elm City Gun Club - 591 North High Street).

10. Department Updates (Chief Lennon)

- a. Personnel Matters/Injured Employees
 - i. One (1) officer vacancy. Beginning the initial testing process for approximately 20 applicants.
 - ii. Two (2) officers on light duty.
 - iii. One (1) officer on personal medical.
- b. Overtime - Increase over this same pay period last fiscal year, however with the pending transfer of unused salaries, we are on track for the remainder of the year. There are several factors that contribute to higher-than-normal overtime:
 - i. Light Duty - Unlike full injury duty, does not get reimbursed into the budget because the employee is still coming to work every day which creates a vacancy for active patrol and therefore the necessity for overtime.

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- ii. Hospital Prisoner Watch - Court no longer does bedside arraignments (there is talk of bringing them back) - they have not done them in nearly four (4) years. Lately, more and more people seem to be going to the hospital when they are arrested so our overtime costs for watching arrestees can be anywhere from one shift to ten days. The hospitals used to be more efficient with moving arrestees in/out. The only exception is if an arrestee is admitted to Yale Psychiatric Hospital (YPH) which is a lock-down facility where we are not permitted.
- iii. Risk Protection Orders - Impact us due to the intricacies of the state statute.

c. Awards & Commendations

d. Noteworthy News

- i. The Mayor's State of the Town Address is tonight at East Haven High School beginning at 7:30 PM.
- ii. Pass with PAL - The East Haven Police Athletic League, in coordination with Little League, is hosting a kids baseball warm-up at the Connecticut Sportsplex, 216 Foxon Road in North Branford on April 2 beginning at 5:30 PM.
- iii. K9 Ace will be retiring in the coming months; In the process of selecting another canine to attend the K9 Academy in April with Officer McGuire who was reappointed as a K9 Handler; There will be a combined retirement/swearing in for both canines as the transition happens.

11. Old Business

12. New Business

13. Adjournment

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Romans. All in favor. Chairman Balletto adjourned the meeting at 7:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha M. Maldonado

Clerk to the Honorable Board of Police Commissioners