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Mayor Joseph A. Carfora

Honorable Board of
Police Commissioners

HONORABLE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 30, 2023 AT 7:00 PM
471 NORTH HIGH STREET
EAST HAVEN, CT

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chairman Dominic Balletto (presiding), Commissioner Paul Carbo, Commissioner Dianne Romans

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

Chairman Balletto called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Moment of Silence – For the victims of the mass shooting on October 25, 2023 in Lewiston, Maine where 18 people were killed and 13 others injured; and for all law enforcement throughout the country.
3. Roll Call – Clerk Maldonado; three (3) present – quorum obtained
4. Announcement(s)
5. Consider and act upon the approval of the Monthly Meeting minutes of September 26, 2023
Commissioner Carbo made a motion to accept and approve the Monthly Meeting minutes of September 30, 2023, 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 (October 2023)
Commissioner Carbo made a motion to accept and approve the monthly reports as received; seconded by Commissioner Romans. 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

10. Department Updates (Chief Lennon)

a. Personnel Matters/Injured Employees

- i. Two (2) police officer vacancies; Nine (9) candidates have taken the written exam and subsequently passed the oral boards. Backgrounds will begin to qualify hireable candidates who will come before the Board to interview at a future meeting.
- ii. One (1) sworn personnel remains on light duty.

b. Overtime

We are continuing extra proactive patrols and community policing outreach which is contributing to the increase in overtime. We expect it to level off in the coming months.

c. Awards & Commendations

d. Noteworthy News

- i. EHPAL – The annual Halloween Movie Night event was held on Thursday, October 19 at the East Haven High School. Trick-or-treaters enjoyed a trunk-or-treat, popcorn and refreshments followed by THE ADDAMS FAMILY in the auditorium. The kids were encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes and take pictures with our officers.
- ii. The East Haven Police Union Annual Car Show was held on Sunday, October 22 at the East Haven High School. Another well attended, successful year.

11. Old Business

Deputy Chief Tracy provided updates on the following from the Monthly Meeting of September 26, 2023:

- a. Jane Bigler (Burr Street/Gerrish Avenue), received via email dated June 17, 2023 – Request for speed bumps on Gerrish Avenue from Overbrook School to Tyler Street.

DC Tracy had recommended deferment to the T&PS Committee to allow time to conduct a speed study in that area to make a proper determination. The speed study revealed that the average speed (85th percentile national standard) was 29.21 MPH which exceeds the posted 25 MPH. Further, most violations occurred during the overnight hours when there is less traffic and fewer vehicles on this roadway. Accident data over the last three (3) years showed two (2) accidents. Recommendation: take no action for the requested speed bumps; however, the Traffic Unit and Patrol have been deployed to conduct traffic enforcement to address speeding in this area.

Chairman Balletto noted that the stop sign coming out of Overbrook School is in an awkward place - motorists must inch out to see oncoming traffic from the right. DC Tracy will contact public works to ensure there are no sight-line obstructions.

- b. John Lanno (76 Crest Avenue), received via U.S. mail postmarked August 11, 2023 – Request for temporary electronic speed limit sign to conduct data assessment and install two (2) speed bumps between 54 Crest Avenue and 86 Crest Avenue.

DC Tracy reported that the speed study revealed that the average speed (85th percentile national standard) was 26.36 MPH which is slightly over the posted 25 MPH. Accident data, first over the last three (3) years and then over the last five (5) years to be thorough, showed there have been zero (0)

accidents. Recommendation: take no action for the requested speed bumps; however, the Traffic Unit and Patrol have been deployed to conduct traffic enforcement to address speeding in this area.

- c. Aimee Lambert (Jardin Drive), received via email dated September 21, 2023 – Regarding one-way section of Thompson Street where it goes in a circle around an island and wrong way drivers.

DC Tracy reported that upon assessment of the area, Traffic Maintenance installed additional signage (a ONE WAY and a DO NOT ENTER) and painted arrows on the road in two locations to visually direct motorists in the correct direction (away from the one way/do not enter). Recommendation: Table until the next meeting to see if these remedies have rectified the issue to reduce/eliminate complaints.

Chairman Balletto deferred back to T&PS Committee. So moved.

12. New Business

- a. Discussion and approval of revised policies 303.5 (Incident Reports and Review), 401.9 (AVL and Officer Video Camera Use), 415.8 (Domestic Violence)

Chief Lennon explained that these revisions are pursuant to state statutes changes that will go into effect on November 1, 2023.

Commissioner Carbo made a motion to approve revised policy 303.5 (Incident Reports and Review) effective November 15, 2023; seconded by Commissioner Romans. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Carbo made a motion to approve revised policy 401.9 (AVL and Officer Video Camera Use) effective November 15, 2023; seconded by Commissioner Romans. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Carbo made a motion to approve revised policy 415.8 (Domestic Violence) effective November 15, 2023; seconded by Commissioner Romans. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Request a Police Officer – Grade C certified list from the Civil Service Commission

Commissioner Carbo made a motion to request a Police Officer – Grade C certified list from the Civil Service Commission; seconded by Commissioner Romans. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Adjournment

Commissioner Carbo made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Romans. All in favor. Chairman Balletto adjourned the meeting at 7:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha M. Maldonado

Clerk to the Honorable Board of Police Commissioners