

**POLICE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING  
SUBJECT TO APPROVAL  
MAY 9, 2022**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Police Commission was called to order by Chairperson Jenna Caulfield at 5:07 P.M. in the Board of Education Conference Room of the Simsbury Town Offices. In attendance were Commissioner Terry Fogarty, Commissioner Tenesha Grant, Commissioner Travis Schweizer, Chief Nicholas Boulter, Deputy Chief Chris Davis and Lt. Greg Samselski. Absent was Commissioner Michael Long.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. CORRESPONDENCE**

Commissioner Fogarty read the summary of letters received since the last meeting of the Commission on March 14, 2022.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. After a motion was made by Commissioner Fogarty and seconded by Commissioner Schweizer it was unanimous:

**VOTED:** To approve the minutes of the March 14, 2022  
Regular Meeting

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**6. REPORTS**

**a. Chairperson's Report**

- The budget passed on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022.

**b. Chief's Report**

**i. General**

- Officers Rosa and Vollmar were released from Field Training as of second week in April. They applied in March 2021, hired on June 2, 2021, and graduated from academy in the end of December-making a 13 month process.
- Preliminary interviews and a written exam have been conducted to fill the Animal Control Officer position. Second Interviews have been scheduled.
- One officer has been out since March for a non-work related medical reason and is expected to return in August or September.
- Another officer will be out for a non-work related medical reason and expected to return in 2 months.
- The job announcement for the two new police officer positions, authorized in the budget process, has been posted. The PoliceApp.com is being used for the announcement, written test and application process. There is no current closing date for the posting. The announcement was also posted to the Police

Department Facebook account at  
[facebook.com/simsburyctpolicedepartment](https://www.facebook.com/simsburyctpolicedepartment)

- There have been 3 motor vehicle thefts this calendar year in comparison to 4 last year over the same time period.
- There have been 19 catalytic converters stolen from vehicles this calendar year, majority coming from Hoffman Auto on Rt. 44
- Memorial Day parades will take place on Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. First parade in Tariffville starts at 9 am on Winthrop Street and ends in St. Bernard's Cemetery. The second parade starts at 1:30pm on Owens Brook Blvd, by Route 10, and moves south on Route 10 to Jim Gallagher Way, followed by a ceremony at the Simsbury Veterans' Memorial at the entrance to the library.
- May is national Bike Month. The department will be handing out safety headlights and traditional bells to help cyclists be seen and heard. Simsbury Social Services were able to help us obtain child bicycle helmets to distribute, using a Youth Service Bureau grant, to those who may be less fortunate or unable to purchase a helmet.
- The police department will be actively involved in the bike/walk to school events this month.
- Public Works is hosting a Touch-A-Truck event at their facility on Town Forest Road this Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 9 am – 12:30 pm. The police department will have a vehicle or two at the event.

## **ii. Consolidated Monthly Report – February and March 2022**

- Commissioner Grant noted discrepancy in arrest total for February Arrests. Chief Boulter responded they are aware of this and will be sending out an updated copy of the report.
- Chairperson Caulfield inquired about overtime numbers. Chief Boulter responded that the total hours are less than predicted at this point.

## **iii. Preliminary Monthly Activity Report – April 2022**

- Commissioner Schweizer inquired about traffic stops noting that 5% of traffic stops result in a ticket and that we have a higher percentage than other towns. Commissioner Schweizer asked how other towns are able to maintain safety on the roads with lower numbers. Chief Boulter responded that disparity in numbers could be caused by a number of reasons, one of which could be from comfort levels due to the pandemic. To help with traffic safety here in Simsbury, we will be having a designated Traffic Officer. This officer will not be pulled to other investigations (will still be able to respond to medicals). This officer will not only perform routine traffic stops but be able to devote time to evaluating speeds, new signs or sign locations. This is accomplished with the assistance of traffic tools that help better understand average speeds, number of cars that travel in an area, or if time of day is a factor. The end game for this is to change driving behavior and make roads safer.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

- Commissioner Fogarty inquired about a new trend in other towns and states where the air is being let out of the tires of SUVs by people who feel that cars like SUVs are not good for the environment, and wanted to know if we had seen this happening in town. Chief Boulter responded that he was not aware of any reports of this nature but will be aware of this moving forward.
- Chairperson Caulfield noted that the police department took delivery of two new Tahoes. Lt. Samselski confirmed that the department did take delivery a few weeks ago of two new Tahoes. The vehicles will be supervisor vehicles and are in the process of being up fitted with lights and safety equipment. The goal is to have them on the road in the next month.

## 8. PRESENTATION

Lt. Greg Samselski gave a presentation about sensitive investigations. Simsbury Police Department has 2 detectives that are assigned sensitive investigations. Examples of investigations that are sensitive in nature are juvenile, child abuse/neglect, dating/family violence, and sexual assault. For juvenile investigations, the initial investigation starts with patrol officer to ensure safety, identify scene/ preserve evidence, and locate and identify all witnesses, other victims and perpetrators involved. Most juvenile cases are transferred to the Detective Division for follow up with Department of Children & Families (DCF), Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT), and Children's Advocacy Center (CAC). When the case involves juveniles, the initial interview is conducted with the parent, caregiver, or witness to gather information so the child doesn't repeatedly relive the trauma. The Simsbury Police work with the MDT Approach. This allows the child to be interview by a specially trained interviewer, provides education and support to the families, mental health services tailored to the needs of the child and families, and specialized medicals services if needed. Multi-Disciplinary Teams represent a variety of disciplines (law enforcement, state's attorney, victims advocate, medical professionals, etc.) that interact and coordinate their efforts to diagnose, treat, and plan for children and families.

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Fogarty made a motion to adjourn at 5:51 P.M., seconded by Commissioner Grant. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Jenna Caulfield, Chairperson

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