

**POLICE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
SUBJECT TO APPROVAL
OCTOBER 12, 2022**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Police Commission was called to order by Chairperson Jenna Caulfield at 5:03 P.M. in the Board of Education Conference Room of the Simsbury Town Offices. In attendance were Chairperson Jenna Caulfield, Commissioner Terry Fogarty, Commissioner Michael Long, Commissioner Travis Schweizer, Chief Nicholas Boulter, and Deputy Chief Chris Davis. Absent was Commissioner Tenesha Grant.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the September 12, 2022 Regular Meeting.

4. REPORTS

a. Chairperson's Report

- i. Facility Study- Step 1 has been completed. The initial portion of the study was figuring out what we need out of a facility. The next step is looking at what we currently have. Timeline for this is slated for February.
- ii. Staffing Study- The committee met and interviewed 5 organizations and chose Certus.
- iii. September 14th, 2022, there was a recognition ceremony at the fire station honoring the officers, dispatcher and fire personnel that saved a couple and their two dogs from a fire in their home.
- iv. Monday, November 14th, 2022 is the next Police Commission Meeting.

b. Chief's Report

i. General

- **Personnel-** We continue to have staffing challenges. Of the 41 authorized sworn members, we only have 35 sworn available for full-duty assignments. One has been on leave for a medical reason since late July. Another member has been on leave for a medical reason for almost one month. Two are available for modified duty only. One is in the police academy for the next 5 months and we have one vacancy that we are trying to fill. The Dispatch Center is short one dispatcher and as you recall Jeremiah Kenney was hired as a police officer after 5 years with dispatch. Stephanie Corbell has been through 3 weeks of training in her position as animal control officer. She is answering calls for service and will continue her professional growth through training and experience.
- **Bear Activity-** The month of September was busy with bear activity. We had a total of 45 complaints.
- **Recent/Upcoming Events-** This past weekend was National Faith and Blue Weekend. It is a national campaign to facilitate safe and stronger communities by engaging law enforcement officers with their

community through faith-based connections. This year were able to participate in a meet and greet at Trinity Church in Tariffville. We will work to expand the event in the coming year.

On September 14th there was a public recognition ceremony for our police officers, a dispatcher, and firefighters for their actions during a house fire on July 6 on Bushy Hill Road, that led to the safe rescue of the occupants and their pets. The event was very special. It included comments from leadership members in town, Senator Kevin Witkos, Representative John Hampton and most importantly, the victims. Members of the department have been provided pink ribbon pins and pink t-shirts. During the month of October, members are authorized to wear the pink to bring awareness and support those who have been affected by breast cancer. We also have put pink magnets on the vehicles and partially wrapped one cruiser for the same purpose, awareness and support.

- **Motor Vehicle Thefts Update**- Total of 9 car thefts this calendar year (4 were stolen from Hoffman's in September).
- **Catalytic Converter**- We have had 39 reported catalytic converters thefts from vehicles since we began tracking them at the end of August 2021. We had two thefts in September this year.

ii. Consolidated Monthly Report – August 2022

iii. Preliminary Monthly Activity Report – September 2022

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. 2023 Police Commission Meetings Schedule- Will vote on dates and time at the November 14th Meeting.

8. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Training**- Hoping to be able to utilize the simulator more often. It requires an open space so we are looking for somewhere to have it set up full time.
- b. **Gun update**- Hopefully finalizing funding for a transfer for replacements. This will go in front of the Board of Finance next week for approval.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Long made a motion to adjourn at 5:46 P.M., seconded by Commissioner Fogarty. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jenna Caulfield, Chairperson

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