

POLICE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
January 8, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Police Commission was called to order by Chairperson Jenna Caulfield at 5:02 P.M. in the Board of Education Conference Room of the Simsbury Town Offices. In attendance were Chair Jenna Caulfield, Commissioner Tenesha Grant, Commissioner Eric Lemke, Commissioner Michael Long, Chief Nicholas Boulter, and Deputy Chief Chris Davis. Absent was Commissioner Travis Schweizer.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. CORRESPONDENCE

Commissioner Grant read the summary of letters received since the last meeting of the commission on December 4, 2023.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. After a motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Lemke it was unanimous:
VOTED: To approve the minutes of the December 4, 2023 Regular Meeting.

5. REPORTS

a. Chairperson's Report

- i. There is a meeting on January 22, 2024 with Police Commission and Board of Selectman to discuss the Police Department FY 25 Budget.

b. Chief's Report

i. General

- *Personnel*- In mid-November one of the detectives was reassigned to assist with the patrol function due to staffing levels. The department is continuously assessing allocation of personnel to support service and staffing requirements and needs. At this time the officer has not been able to be reassigned to the detective division. The newest officer, Jarod Emirzian, is halfway through the CT Police Academy and is doing well. Lt. Greg Samselski graduated in Session 288 of the FBI National Academy on December 7, 2023. He attended the academy for 11 weeks where he focused his studies on contemporary issues, wellness and personnel topics, managing forensic investigations, critical incident leadership and legal issues. Only 1% of law enforcement have this great opportunity.
- *Recent/Upcoming Events*- The Police department collected toys for children this holiday season through the police department sponsored Stuff-A-Cruiser program. It was staffed by Simsbury officers, cadets and volunteers. Some of the toys were held aside for Simsbury families, while most were donated to the Salvation Army. Thank you to Necker's and to Tractor Supply for supporting the event this year again. The department participated in the Shop with a Cop program again where members of the department met Simsbury family members at Walmart and children were able to pick out some holiday presents. The town fared well overall during the storm. There was one road closure (Riverside Road South) and some intermittent roadway hazards that were addressed, such as

tree limbs that had fallen or were hanging low. There were two reported crashes during the storm, each considered minor because there were no injuries.

- *Trends-* The department is wrapping up some of the year-end statistics. For instance, MV Thefts continue to be an issue. In fact, the town saw the largest number of car thefts last year (33), a 150% increase from 2022. Some interesting facts about of car thefts in 2023: Honda and Hyundai were the most common vehicles stolen, accounting for 10 of the 33 stolen, followed by Acura and BMW with 4 and 3 respectively. Most of the stolen vehicles, 12 out of 30, were recovered in Hartford.
- *Grants-* It appears as if Simsbury Police Department was not awarded the COPS grant to support funding for officers over the next 3 years. Two awards were posted to CT departments.

ii. Consolidated Monthly Report – November 2023

iii. Preliminary Monthly Activity Report – December 2023

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Election of Police Commission Chairperson and Clerk
 - i. Nomination of Commissioner Travis Schweizer as Chair and Commissioner Tenesha Grant as Clerk of the Simsbury Police Commission was made,
 - ii. After a motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Lemke it was unanimous:
VOTED: To approve Commissioner Travis Schweizer as Chair and Commissioner Tenesha Grant as Clerk of the Simsbury Police Commission

7. OLD BUSINESS

- a. *Staffing-* The additional hours for part-time Records Clerk that the department had asked for, for remainder of FY 24 was approved.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Grant made a motion to adjourn at 5:29 P.M., seconded by Commissioner Lemke. All were in favor and the motion passed. Submit