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A regular meeting of the Stamford Police Commission was held on Thursday, December 2, 2021 at 5:00pm at Stamford Police Headquarters.

Present at the meeting were Commissioners Abbazia, Bass, Flinn, Figueroa and Mercede. Chief Timothy Shaw, Assistant Chief's Louis DeRubeis and Silas Redd, Lt. Michael Noto, and Director Jankowski.

Commissioner Abbazia called meeting to order at 5:10pm

#### Review of Minutes

Commissioner Figueroa made a motion to accept the minutes from the November 8, 2021 meeting second by Commissioner Bass.

#### Employee Performance Recognition

#### Commissioner Awards

#### Comments from Public

No one from the public

#### Personnel Update

Chief Shaw stated that six Milford Academy graduates are now in the FTO phase. Danielle Brace and Luis Gonzalez are children of two of our officers. Officer Angel Gonzalez and Sgt. Simon Blanc retired this past week. Sgt. Blanc and his wife will be doing missionary work in March of 2022 in Ecuador.

Chief Shaw also told the commission that A/C DeRubeis is working on the feasibility of Stamford having our own Training Academy again. Chief Shaw spoke about the benefits of have an academy.

The Accountability Bill is going forward with Drug Testing every three years, which began this week with 97 officers completed and 50 officers to go. Every 5 years they will have a Health & Wellness exam to begin in January of 2022.

#### Administrative & Operations Report

A/C DeRubeis stated that Stamford had its sixth homicide of the year. On November 17 a road rage incident occurred on Cold Spring Rd. at Long Ridge Rd. where a 25 year old got out of his car and punched a 71 year old in the face who then fell to the ground and hit his head on the road. He succumbed to his injury a few days later. An arrest warrant was granted for the driver and warrants were issued to his brother and sister for Breach of Peace. Driver was arrested.

A murder suspect from homicide on Stillwater Avenue was located in Texas. We are sending officers to pick him up.

Arrest Warrant completed for arrest of suspect on the murder charge on Culloden Road. \$2 million court set bond. Suspect could not be found and we are currently in the process of looking for him.

Patrol Division along with NOC Officers looked for an armed robbery suspect on Knapp Street who was believed to have a gun. Description was dispatched of suspect on 72 Camp Avenue, NOC Officers Montanaro, Canning, Orgera and Kokkoros approached and forced the men into a lot. One went over a tall fence. Officer Pavia and his partner K9 Pyro picked the scent and tracked it to a rundown shed. The second man was found inside behind pallets with the help of Officers Charres, Muhlbauer and Gelonesi.

Recognition of Officers Inverno and Pennoyer who were dispatched to a call from a mother who said she had just killed her son. Upon arrival Officer Inverno heard a 13 year old boy screaming and under his mother's car. Mom was holding her son who was bleeding profusely from his arm. Officer Pennoyer arrived on scene and quickly applied his tourniquet to the boy's arm. The arm was severed also completely through. He was airlifted to the hospital where doctors were able to surgically reattach his arm and he is expected to make a full recovery.

Officer Kalmanidis was off duty on November 13, 2021 at 0200 hours on his way home. Upon arrival, he noticed a teenage young man in his vestibule quite intoxicated. He was able to communicate with the young man and get in contact with a family member to come and pick him up. Officer Kalmanidis stayed with this young man for approximately an hour until a family member showed up to take him home. Shows the type of conduct we expect from our officers on and off duty.

A/C Redd remarked on a great job done by Sgt. Molina and, Sgt. Murphy and BHU Carolina Grijlba-Rodriguez regarding a homeless woman using Police Headquarters lobby to sleep and charge her phone on November 17, 2021. She had no place to stay. The Sgts. contacted Carolina and along with Officer Daly were able to make arrangements with State Protective Services for her to stay at a hotel until a permanent residency could be made.

Investigator Donahue conducted a very thorough and time-consuming investigation where a suspect sexually assaulted and beat his ex-girlfriend. Two separate arrest warrants were issued with a total of \$400,000 court set bond. Officer Xhema had a cooperative who helped lead to the suspect being taken into custody.

On November 17, 2021 a Stamford resident was last seen around 1200pm. On 11/18/21, he was entered into NCIC as a missing person. The Redding PD located the suspect's vehicle at the West Redding train station on 11/19/21. Extensive search of a wooded area was completed

with negative results. On 11/23/21, SPD Special Victims Unit resumed the search with the help of CT State Police Search and Rescue Unit, MTA, Redding and Westport PD's. At ~ 1300 hours the suspect was found deceased. Note that with the help of Chief Shaw's contacts we were able to make this search a success.

On January 1, 2021, a suspect had punched his girlfriend in the face. The report was forwarded from Patrol to Officer Donahue who conducted a follow-up investigation. The suspect eluded officers and the investigation was on going. On November 3, 2021, Officer Figueroa cold called the suspect and used a 'ruse' to lure him to the SPD where an arrest warrant was served.

### Community Engagement

The month of November is the Month of Giving. On November 20, 2021 along with Bethel AME Church, the SPD helped with a Turkey Giveaway – 40 turkeys and 40 \$25 gift cards.

On November 23, 2021 Director Jankowski along with the City's Social Services and SPD gave ten families in our community with five children or more each a \$100.00 gift card at the Jackie Robinson Park Tree Lighting Ceremony. Also on November 23, 2021, the Patrol Division gave 25 families in the Community each a turkey and a bag with all the fixings for a Thanksgiving dinner.

Karwin Park, on the Westside, Patrol Officers noticed a large Weeping Willow tree that had died. Along with Lt. Dohmann, Community Outreach, the city and officers planted a new Weeping Willow. Chief Redd stated that this is how we "Bridge the Gap".

On Saturday 12/4 and Sunday 12 /5, Sgt. Molina along with the Guatemalan Council members will be coming to the SPD to provide passports, personal identification cards to ~600 Guatemalan residents in the City of Stamford. The Guatemalan community makes up about 25% of our community.

### Old/New Business

The SPD participated with 10 other CT departments with a fundraiser, No Shave November for Cancer. The SPD raised \$3400 for this cause.

Lt. Noto informed the Commission that six new citizen complaints were received in the month of November with two open (one involving a dispatcher) and three not sustained and one exonerated.

Chief Shaw and Director Jankowski thanked all the Commission members for all their help over the years and for holding the SPD accountable.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm

Submitted,

*Timothy Abbazia*

Chairman