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A regular meeting of the Stamford Police Commission was held on Monday, January 10, 2022 at 5:00pm at Stamford Police Headquarters.

Present at the meeting were Commissioners Fedele, Bass, Jackson, Findeisen and Aveiro. Chief Timothy Shaw, Assistant Chief's Louis DeRubeis and Silas Redd, Lt. Michael Noto, Sgts. Richard Gasparino and Christopher Gioielli, Director Jankowski, Sgts. Kennedy and Boeger, Officers Burdi, D. O'Meara and Longo.

Before the meeting, it was voted that Commissioner Fedele would be the Chairperson with Commissioner Jackson Vice Chairperson. In addition, Commissioner Fedele and Findeisen would be on the Pension Board.

Commissioner Fedele called meeting to order at 5:05pm

Review of Minutes

Commissioner Bass made a motion to accept the minutes from the December 2021 meeting and Commissioner Findeisen second – All in favor

Employee Performance Recognition

Assistant Chief DeRubeis explained to the Commission what this topic entails

Commissioner Awards

Assistant Chief DeRubeis explained about Commissioner Awards and that next month we will have two awards to hand out – Officer Inverno and Officer Pennoyer

Comments from Public

No one from the public attended

Personnel Update

Chief Shaw asked that this be taken up in Executive Session at the end of the meeting.

Administrative & Operations Report

Assistant Chief DeRubeis informed the Commission about the COVID Testing Sites and the Test Kit and Mask Give-away. Capt. Barcello and Sgt. Holden did an excellent job with the first give-away at Cove Island. Everything functioned well.

On Saturday, January 8, 2022, another Give-away took place at two different sites in Stamford. Everything went well. Direction Jankowski stated that ~30,000 kits were given out between the two events.

In the month of December there were several school threats mentioned over social media platforms, a suspicious package, bomb, weapons.

Principal Davis of Dolan School on December 17 sent an email to Lt. Dohmann thanking him for the police patrol support. The students and families were uneasy but having police presence made apposite difference. She also shouted out to Officer King who was the officer at the school that day who was a real pleasure.

December 17 there was a suspicious package at Rogers School and the Bomb Unit was called-out. On December 10 a K-9 explosive seeps was done at Westhill High School after they received two bomb threats.

Untimely death of a 38 y/o cafeteria staff worker at TOR School. EMS transported to Stamford Hospital and she was pronounced. School students had not arrived yet.

BCI: December 1 Officer Fox was flagged down by a stabbing victim on Pacific Street. Officer Marco Califano utilized his contacts and on December 22, 2021 investigator secured an arrest warrant for suspect. Taken into custody.

December 19, 2021 two separate robberies took place within several minutes of each other. One on Seaton Road and one on Stephen Street. BCI feels it may be same person(s).

December 26, 2021 robbery at Rose Park/Richmond Hill Ave. Victim was assaulted and knocked down by a Hispanic male who went through his pockets and stole his wallet and I-Phone.

December 9, 2021 SRT located narcotics located during a search warrant execution at 22 Glenbrook Road.

December 20, 2021 Bethany, CT PD arrested Kenneth Jeffries for MV charges and was placed into custody for the outstanding arrest warrant out of Stamford on file. He was picked up at Bethany PD and brought back to Stamford for the shooting at Planet Pizza on September 30, 2021.

Commissioner Bass asked about an update on Social Worker hired. Assistant Chief Redd informed the Commission that Sgt. Kennedy would handle the answer to that question and that February 4, 2022 would be Sgt. Kennedy's last day as he is retiring. Sgt. Kennedy stated that Carolina was hired about 6 months ago and is doing a great job. Lots of work in that department and she is working diligently with Officer Daly and Sgt. Molina. The Juvenile area is off the chart with individuals who needs resources. Carolina has jumped right in. The program is working well and should make a big difference but they are already overburdened. A/C Redd said that we received a \$400K+ grant that will allow us to expand the Behavioral Health Unit. Commissioner Findeisen inquired about the time line to bring in a new Social Worker with the awarded grant. Chief Shaw stated the grant was for \$553,000 for 3 years and one Sgt. would be hired with the grant as well. Joe Hickey and Anita Carpenter in the Grant's office have done a tremendous job filling out and filing grants for our department. The grant does specify the time we can hire.

Community Engagement

Assistant Chief Redd informed Commission that on December 4 and 5, 2021 he along with Sgt. Molina, Officer Edwards and Officer Speer worked with the Guatemalan Consulate to help them get passports updated, ID's for Guatemalan's living in Stamford. They also covered topics about how to avoid being a victim of a crime/reporting crimes/excessive drinking/consequences of driving without a license/bike and pedestrian laws among a few. Over 600 attended both days.

On December 19, 2021 Officers Xhema and Miscioscia met with 16 kids from the after school program at the Islamic Community Center. Officers asked the kids to explain their Islamic religion, holidays and beliefs they follow. Officers then played multiple active games with the kids. Sgt. Steve Murphy is the SPD liaison to the Islamic Community.

December 19, 2021 Members from the COP (Community Outreach Program) organized a holiday event at the Chester Addition Center – new home of PAL. Officers played games and handed out gifts to children. The Stamford Police Foundation donated the gifts.

Shoulder-to-Shoulder Initiative is made up of members of SPD's community outreach unit teamed up with City of Stamford Social Services Department, Pacific House, Liberation Center, Building One Communities and has been in operation from July of 2021 to present. This initiative goes out into the community and helps people who need resources to help with issues they have, such as drugs, alcohol, homelessness, sick, etc. We take before and after pictures and have helped those who do not know how to ask for help or know who to go to for help,

SIJO/Family Services:

November 8, 2021 TOR School nurse was performing CPR on student who had overdosed on tainted brownies. Principal Fox had another student treated because of ingesting tainted edibles. There is an epidemic with our young people. We have no idea what these kids go home to or what they wake up to in their homes. We need more therapists as a resource for the young people of our city.

December 7, 2021 a student told another student, "My name is Ethan" after the Michigan School shooting. Teacher overheard and reported. Student regretted statement, but our SRO still had to do an investigation of his locker, the student, and his backpack, contact parents and checked home to make certain everyone was safe. The incident took place at SHS. SRO McKay and Matos handled the investigation with excellence.

Chief Shaw informed Commission that A/C Redd is in charge of the Youth Division, Family Services and Domestic Violence and A/C DeRubeis is in charge of the Patrol Division.

Chief Shaw wanted to let the Commission know that a young man who was bullied in school and along with the SRT team and their bearcat and officers from the SPD they delivered gifts and essential amenities for the family for Christmas. The young man also received a new pair of prescription glasses.

Commissioner Fedele asked what is being done to let everyone in the community know what the PD is doing for them and their communities. Chief Shaw said we use Social Media and the City of Stamford website. Chief Shaw said it is very difficult to get either the Stamford Advocate or Channel 12 News to do stories on the good we do. Commissioner Fedele also inquired about videos from private homes and stores to secure crimes. Assistant Chief DeRubeis said we use Ring from homes, business and parks. Officers who work in certain communities look

for security cameras and check with businesses and homes, apartment buildings, etc. to see if they are working cameras and if recordings are available.

Commissioner Fedele also wanted to know if the cameras at intersections record or not. Director Jankowski answered the question and told us yes they do record traffic and illegal dumping. That we have cameras on cars and Blue Lights in Parks that the PD can review.

Old/New Business

Sgt. Gioielli explained the Yearly Citizen Complaint Report for 2021 to the Commission. They are received by calls, emails, letter, and form.

2021 had 61 complaints, 2022 had 44 and the 5 years before had 13 per year.

Director Jankowski read the Duties of the Police Commission concerning the City's Code of Conduct.

Commissioner Findeisen made a motion for the Commission to go into Executive Session and Commissioner Bass second at 6:00pm to discuss Personnel Update.

Commission came out of Executive Session at 6:32pm

Meeting was adjourned at 6:34pm

Next Police Commission meeting will be Monday, February 7, 2022 at 5:00pm

Submitted,

Michael Fedele

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Chairperson