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A regular meeting of the Stamford Police Commission was held on Monday, March 7, 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 and Director T. Jankowski.

Commissioner Fedele called meeting to order at 5:00pm

Review of Minutes

Minutes were reviewed and accepted

Employee Performance Recognition

Chief Shaw introduced Officers involved in a homicide investigation from May 18, 2021. Capt. Conklin gave a brief synopsis on the incident and informed the Commission that in the last 5 years Stamford has had 20 homicides and 19 of those have been solved. Capt. Conklin introduced Sgt. Jen Lynch to mediate a video on the homicide. Sgt. Boeger spoke about Investigator Rosa's brave act over the weekend in Norwalk, regarding a person who walked by his vehicle and pulled something from his waistband. It was a handgun and the suspect began shooting into oncoming traffic. Investigator Rosa was with his young daughter, but he maintained a visual on this suspect and gave important information to Norwalk PD. Commissioner Fedele said Thank You to all on behalf of the Stamford Police Commission.

Commissioner Awards

Certificates will be given out to those officers involved in the homicide investigation next month.

Comments from Public

No Comments

Personnel Update

Chief Shaw informed the Commission that the date for candidate interviews would be April 4 and 5, 2022. We have 15 seats in the Milford Academy beginning April 15, 2022. Each candidate will get between 10-15 minutes to answer questions from the Commission and summary packets will be available on each candidate for review before hand in the I/A Department.

Administrative & Operations Report

Chief Shaw stated that we are in the process of presenting out budget on March 16 and 17, 2022. We currently have 260 Officers. In the budget, we asked that every patrol car have a camera.

Chief DeRubeis said it was a quiet month. Midnights on February 11, 2022 had an aggravated assault of an intoxicated victim. Officers Herman and Spinella were able to locate the suspect.

February 13, 2022 on the Westside a burglary was in process and the resident was holding down a 17-year-old suspect. BCI was able to conclude that this juvenile suspect committed four other burglaries.

Suspect Donald Copeland – suspect in Hamilton Avenue homicide was located and extradition back to Connecticut is in the works.

Mayor Simmons came to headquarters for a tour and spoke to officers at line-up. She spoke to the Chief regarding Hotspots in the area. Tires being slashed so Lt. Deiso Midnight Commander placed an unmarked vehicle in the area and increased patrol presence.

Squad A – Lt. Montagnese – had a domestic situation on Orchard Street where the victim took her children and ran out of the house to her car. She drove around the block and the suspect was on the front lawn with a handgun threatening her and shot at her vehicle. The suspect was located along with the gun.

Squad B – Lt. Dohmann – has done proactive patrol presence in Hotspots on the Westside, i.e.: Stillwater Avenue, etc.

Squad C – Lt. Novia – had shots fired on 33 Mission Street. Officer Bloomberg was first on the scene, found the victim heavily intoxicated, and shot thru the arm. Victim was uncooperative. At this, time no suspects.

BCI – Captain Conklin heightened investigation by Sgt. Lynch. Aggravated assault on Hope Street were victim, who was an adult was assaulted by a juvenile and then another juvenile came up behind victim and shot him in the buttocks. Both juveniles were arrested.

Officer McClafferty investigated investigation on February 18, 2022 to threats made against a SPD Officer and his family. He applied for a warrant and suspect was served. He is being held on \$100,000 court bond. Case has been closed.

On February 6, 2022, assault were three individual suspects assaulted one female victim. Officer worked with BCI to solve this assault. Officer did warrants, etc. and all three were arrested.

Specialty Teams:

SRT served one search warrant and made one arrest.

Bomb Squad was called out to Summer Street Garage regarding a suspicious small safe. Turned out to be narcotics.

K-9 assisted patrol on 65 calls. On February 6, Officer Dogali and K-9 Mac were called for an EDP suspect who would not cooperate. He submitted to Officers when Mac showed up but no assistance (Bites) was needed.

Chief Redd reported on Family Services. 74 new cases and 18 of those were sexual assault. 24 were arrested.

Domestic Violence had 12 new cases and applied for nine warrants and seven were served.

May 2021 Officer Donahue was involved in a child pornography case. After a 9-month investigation, Officer Donahue applied for a search warrant and it was executed with the help of the Darien Police Department. With the assistance of the DPD Forensics Unit, the suspect's computer was seized and a large amount of very disturbing evidence/images was found on it. Suspect was arrested.

June 21, 2021 Officer Donahue and Sgt. Molina interviewed a 30-year-old male accused of enticing and having intimate relations with an 11-year-old female. Because of their expert interview techniques they were able to get a full confession. Suspect was arrested on a \$150,000 court applied bond.

Shooting on Hope Street both juveniles had quite a record. SRO's and Investigators understand the importance of getting an education.

Community Engagement

Old/New Business

Chief Shaw mentioned the Lt. and Capt. Exams were given and are now in the process of being scored. Eight Lt. are eligible and five took the Captains test. 19 Sgts. took the Lt. Test.

The Sgts. Exam is scheduled for March 25, 2022.

Chief Shaw updated the Commission on the grants we have applied for. Capt. Hohn has been working with the Grants Office on a \$550,000 grant to hire a second social worker.

Director Jankowski spoke about the Ukrainian rally at the Government Center and it went well.

Meeting adjourned at 6:14pm
Next meeting will be April 4, 2022 for candidate interviews.

Submitted,

Michael Fedele
Chairperson

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