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A regular meeting of the Stamford Police Commission was held on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 5:00pm at Stamford Police Headquarters.

Present at the meeting were Commissioners Fedele, Bass and Aveiro. Commissioners Jackson and Findeisen were absent. Chief Shaw, Assistant Chief Conklin, Captain Noto, Lieutenant Gasparino, Sergeant Engstrand, Director DeRubeis.

Commissioner Fedele called meeting to order at 5:02pm

Review of Minutes

Commissioner Bass made a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting and Commissioner Aveiro seconded.

Employee Performance Recognition

Nothing at this time

Commissioner Awards

Chief Shaw began by acknowledging Dispatcher Rich Kulis for his outstanding work at 911 and finding a link that would help see all the schools in the city. Director DeRubeis spoke as well as 911 Supervisor Gaudette.

Comments from Public

Amin Hasan spoke to the Commission regarding an incident that happened on June 15, 2017, regarding retired Captain Hohn and Officer Petrone. A Federal Judge gave him permission to come to Stamford just for this meeting. He asked the Commission to review the elongated video version of the incident.

Heather Lindsey spoke to the Commission regarding several issues that have happened over the past 15-20 years. Went thru her entire issue with Dr. Ahudja and his brother who has threatened her. She would like an appointment with the BHU.

John Flynn spoke again about a complaint from 2000. Also stated that Dr. Ahudja's brother threatened him and he has never been prosecuted for his illegal act. Everyone who is being called as a witness against him is being threatened. He also informed everyone their time was up.

Personnel Update

Commission went into Executive Session at 5:23pm to discuss personnel updates.
Commission came out of Executive Session at 5:38pm

Administrative & Operations Report

Chief Shaw reported that the Patrol Division had been out and patrol Stephen's Street and others for the large crowds that are drinking and gambling. Getting a hold on that. Captain Baker has come up with ideas to combat the traffic in the city. He also has patrol closing the park gates which has lessened the complaints. He is having officers trained in Laser Speed Enforcement.

Commissioner Fedele asked about the city getting speed cameras. Chief Shaw said Waterbury PD spearheaded speed cameras and we are speaking with them. Director DeRubeis said the city would like to start with certain intersections, make sure the Community is on board and also the cost.

Community Engagement

Nothing at this time

Old/New Business

Chief Shaw reported we are giving an entry level police exam on November 14, 2023 and the deadline to get your application in is October 13, 2023.

Mentioned that Chief Redd was in Canada with Liberation House learning how they Manage Alcohol issues.

Chief Conklin spoke about the EEOC regarding a Drone Unit that was sent out and he received numerous responses of officers interested in drones. New technology to un crowd situations, roof tops, neighborhoods, etc.

Commissioner Bass asked if the drones we have, have to be identifiable with SPD on them, Chief Conklin said "No".

Chief Shaw spoke about the lateral testing that was given. Lt. Gasparino stated we had 8 take the test and they are going thru backgrounds, etc. at this time. It was asked if they were all from Connecticut. Lt. Gasparino said some from update Ct, NY, Greenwich and Maryland.

Commissioner Fedele adjourned the meeting at 5:50pm with Commissioner Aveiro making the motion and Commissioner Bass seconded.

Submitted,

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Chairperson