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A regular meeting of the Stamford Police Commission was held on Monday, December 4, 2023, at 5:00pm at Stamford Police Headquarters.

Present at the meeting were Commissioners Fedele, Bass, Jackson, Findeisen and Aveiro. Also at the meeting, Chief Shaw, Assistant Chief Conklin, Capt. Noto, Lt. Gasparino, Sgts. Engstrand and M. Connelly and Director DeRubeis. Absent Assistant Chief Redd.

Commissioner Fedele called meeting to order at 5:01pm

Review of Minutes

Commissioner Fedele made a motion to accept minutes from November 2023 meeting, accepted by Commissioner Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Bass all in favor.

Employee Performance Recognition

Nothing at this time

Commissioner Awards

Assistant Chief Conklin introduced Sgt. Rosa to read the commendation letter regarding Broad Street chase and capture of suspect by Officers Smith, Vickerman and McGinn.

Lt. Deiso and Captain Scanlon read commendation regarding Homicide suspect capture for Sgt. J. Lynch, Sgt. Rosa, Sgt. Garay, Investigators McClafferty, Spinella, Becroft, Pennoyer and Burdi also Crime Scene Investigator Vidal.

Chief Shaw announced that Faye Kay was retiring on December 31, 2023, after 25+ years and awarded her with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Comments from Public

Nothing at this time

Personnel Update

Chief Shaw updated the Commission on the 3 laterals that were hired last month. They have been in-house training and will start their Field Training Tuesday, December 5, 2023, for a short time.

December 21, 2023, the Milford recruits will be graduating.

With the recent retirements and the new laterals and recruits we are just about even with personnel count.

Chief Shaw is awaiting the results from HR on the current test results from the entry level test that was given.

Chief Shaw gave a follow-up on the barricaded veteran who was claiming to harm himself. After 5+ hours of negotiations the subject was taken in and arrested. BHU unit reached out the VA and worked on getting this veteran the help he needed. Officers transported the veteran directly to the VA Hospital after his court hearing.

Administrative & Operations Report

Assistant Chief Conklin stated the fantastic job Stamford Hospital did in reviving a stabbing victim on a bus and how the doctors and nurses are always there to help us.

Chief Shaw stated we had 4 DUI arrests in one day.

Chief Shaw also commented on the many cases BCI has had and the great work being done in that unit.

Community Engagement

Chief Shaw spoke about the many community events that we held last month. Random Acts of Kindness kicked off. City Heroes honored, Community Helpers Day event at Grace Day Care, Thanksgiving Dinner at PAL feeding ~250 residents and a special Thank You to Officer Kalmanidis who pays for this event every year. Youth Leadership Program for Boys & Girls meetings continued with 22 children in the program. Vape Diversionary Program continues meetings with 7 Stamford students in the class and Overdose Response with officers still connecting with outreach members of Liberation Programs. Declined number of overdose related calls into 911.

Old/New Business

OSHA did an inspection of Headquarters. We are not compliant in a few areas, OSHA stated issue with Body Work Armor and Gas Mask Policy & Procedure. Working on that now.

Director DeRubeis updated us that the SPA and Fire Union Contracts have been approved and signed. The 911 Center is going through a restructuring – 5 civilian Supervisors will be hired in April or May with all being certified in Telecommunications. This will free up the 2 SPD Sgts. currently in 911.

Board of Reps. Voting on a new city ordinance regarding prohibiting firearms on any city property. Also giving Authority to challenge persons entering city buildings with firearms to leave the building or be arrested. The exemptions to this are Sworn Police Officers,

Military Personal on Duty and retired Police Officers recently certified with their HR 218 permit.

Commissioner Bass spoke about a Community Engagement of Rights of Passage with the induction December 16, 2023, and classes beginning in January 2024.

Commissioner Bass wanted to express his gratitude to Officer Raab who helped him back his boat into his yard (not an easy task). Without knowing who Commissioner Bass was, he put his light on in his squad car for traffic and got out and helped the Commissioner.

Commissioner Fedele made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:41pm which was accepted by Commissioner Bass and seconded by Commissioner Findeisen – all were in favor.

Thank you, Commissioners, for allowing me to be a part of the PC Meetings for so many years. I will miss you all.

Submitted,

Michael Fedele

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Chairperson