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A regular meeting of the Stamford Police Commission was held on Monday, February 7, 2022 at 5:00pm at Stamford Police Headquarters.

Present at the meeting were Commissioners Jackson, Bass, Aveiro, and Findeisen. Chief Timothy Shaw, Assistant Chief's Louis DeRubeis and Silas Redd, Lt. Michael Noto, Sgts. Richard Gasparino and Christopher Gioielli and Director Ted Jankowski. Commissioner Fedele was out of the country. Mayor C. Simmons-Zoom

Public attendees: Rainy Broomfield, Michael Hyman and Jere Eaton

Commissioner Jackson, Vice Chairperson called meeting to order at 5:01pm.

Review of Minutes

Minutes were approved and accepted by all

Employee Performance Recognition

Commissioner Awards

The following Officers received awards for their outstanding performance: T. Inverno, C. Pennoyer, W. Guilford, R. Cipri, K. Woodfine, and J. Builes.

SPA President D. O'Meara and SPA VP Burdi presented Sgt. R. Gasparino with the Blue Heart medal for his incident in 2010. First time a Stamford Police Officer has been awarded this honor.

Comments from Public

Mayor Simmons thanked the officer for their outstanding service and then swore in the four Commissioners that were present.

Jere Eaton thanked the Mayor, the Commissioners and the officers.

Commissioner Findeisen asked Chief Shaw is there was some way we could share this outstanding information with the public. Chief Shaw stated that we share on social media.

Personnel Update

Nothing

Administrative & Operations Report

Chief Shaw thanked everyone present for their support tonight in presenting the officers with their awards and informed the Commission that Sgt. Kennedy retired from the SPD and Sgt. Brevard will be retiring shortly. We now have 260 officers of which 15 are either in FTO or in the Academy, which brings our number to 252. We have at least 15 retirements a year. Chief Shaw informed the Commission that he has a plan in place. We have 131 candidates in the first bank for hiring. IA is going through the background/hiring process at this time. Commissioner Bass inquired about how COVID is affecting the 252 officers. Chief Shaw said at our highest point 44 officers were out with COVID, we have two out at this time. Commissioner Findeisen asked about the diversity of the 131 candidates. Chief said it is a little premature at this point to clearly state what the diversity is but after all testing is complete IA will have a clear picture.

A/C DeRubeis stated it is great to promote good things. Squad A: was not busy the month of January and there was a small spike in overdoses. On January 13, Officer Estabrook gave Narcan to a victim on Ursula place and saved their life. Squad B: Fatal MVA of a 38-year-old female. Officers Tygher-Twigg and Spinella were first on the scene. On January 22 Officer Franc and Miscioscia working in the Jail noticed an unresponsive prisoner, they called 911 and immediately grabbed the medical bag and AED and brought him back to life. Prisoner was transported immediately to Stamford Hospital. Squad C: January 12 Officers Davis and C. Brown working in the Jail noticed prisoner (who they are both familiar with) trying to do harm to himself in the cell. They immediately radioed for assistance and the prisoner was transported to Stamford Hospital for a Psych evaluation, Commissioner Aveiro sent email to Chiefs stating what a great job the officers did. January 27 a DV call between mother and son took place. Son pointed a gun at mom and her boyfriend. Before police arrived son moved his car to front of residence. Sgt. Boeger arrived and set up inner perimeter and Sgt. Engstrand took over outer perimeter. Sgt. Boeger was able to call suspect out of the house and secure him. With help from mother, son's vehicle was checked and the gun was visible on floor with a laser pointer. Midnights: January 19 Officers called to the kidnapping of a 1-year-old child was taking place. Officers apprehended suspects quickly at the train station before they were able to get on. BCI: January 21 armed home invasion on Atlantic Street zip tied victim's legs together and hands – ongoing investigation and making progress. Property Crimes: Seven stolen motor vehicles – all cars were unlocked. Chief DeRubeis stated we are working on getting more information out to residence to lock their cars no matter where you live. Thefts from motor vehicles was 19 – all unlocked. Financial Crimes Unit is very busy with 42 search warrants written and 3 arrest warrants.

A/C Redd - SIJO/SVU Unit saw 49 new cases with 19 sexual assault cases. Domestic Violence has 13 new cases with 7 arrest warrants served, 14 warrants applied for and 5 search warrants applied for. Five missing juvenile cases were all closed out. Officer Donahue arrested one male subject for child pornography. Suspect had 50 disturbing items searched on his computer and 10 pornography files. Great job by Officer Donahue and Officer Pasquino from Digital Forensic Unit.

SRO's – Student from SHS suggested bringing a gun to school on social media. SRO Matos and McKay quickly investigated and were able to close the incident and put faculty and parents at ease.

Community Engagement

Shoulder-to-Shoulder – January 27 Officer Spear and Gelonesi were assigned to work with Community Outreach Officers, community members, liberation house, Building One Communities and other members to offer assistance to people in difficult areas of Stamford with helping homeless people get to warming shelters and areas were intoxicated males hang out. Luckily, there were no intoxicated males outside. They were also handing out masks, gloves, hats, scarfs to the homeless.

COPS – Light month but on January 17 Officer Derisme with Assistant Chief Redd participated in the MLK vehicle procession, which started at Rogers School and went throughout the city.

Chief Redd wanted to speak on the DV incident and how fortunate we are that it turned out without any one being hurt or killed. He spoke about going to NYC Officer's funeral and how you never know what is going to happen when you go into service for your shift. We must keep everything in perspective

Old/New Business

Chief Shaw updated the process/progress of the new PAL building on the Westside and where were are with the opening of this new adventure.

Commissioner Bass asked about the internal training academy. Chief said we had an architect come in and look at the space. Mayor Simmons is behind our academy. Director Jankowski said that the police officers work very hard every day and are doing great things for the city.

Meeting adjourned at 6:03pm. Next meeting Monday, March 7, 2022 at 5:00pm

Submitted,

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Vice Chairperson-Commissioner