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A regular meeting of the Stamford Police Commission was held on Monday, November 6, 2023 at 5:00pm at Stamford Police Headquarters.

Present at the meeting were Commissioners Fedele, Bass, Jackson, Findeisen and Aveiro. Chief Shaw, Assistant Chief Conklin, Captain Noto, Lt. Gasparino, Sergeants Engstrand and M. Connelly

Commissioner Fedele called meeting to order at 5:02pm

Review of Minutes

Commissioner Bass accepted the minutes from the October 2023 meeting and was second by Commission Findeisen.

Employee Performance Recognition

Nothing at this time

Commissioner Awards

Sergeant Michael Scatamacchia was given a Commissioners Award based on his exemplary performance in the IT unit for the past several years.

The following personnel received awards due too their heroic performance saving an emotionally upset victim on the roof of a three-story home: Sgt. Barquero, Officers Stempien, A. Miller, Gelonesi, Daly, Franc, Oliva, Pavia, Vergara, Wilkins, Lee, D. O'Meara and Korenic. BHU Clinicians Rodriguiz and Mendoza.

Comments from Public

John Flynn was present and presented again his stories regarding stolen money, the court system and all its faults, the police department not doing it's job and a missing friend who the police department did a welfare check on but John Flynn states we did nothing.

Personnel Update

Commissioner Jackson made a motion to go into Executive Session at 5:39pm for lateral interviews and police personnel issues. All in favor.

The Commission asked the same questions of all three lateral candidates. Commission came out of Executive Session at 6:17pm. Commissioner Fedele made a motion to appoint all three lateral candidates in the following order, which was approved by Commissioner Findeisen and seconded by Commissioner Jackson:

1. Hassan Shafiq
2. Eleni Hatsis
3. Vladimir Souffant

Administrative & Operations Report

Assistant Chief Conklin spoke about the 3rd homicide the city has had in 2023. Within 2 days the BCI unit had 2 suspects in custody with full confessions. Excellent job by all in that department.

October 28 we had a Drug Take-Back day and collected over 500 lbs. of unused prescription drugs. We also had a gun buy-back that same day and were very successful in getting several assault rifles off the streets and hand guns.

Community Engagement

Chief spoke about all the Community events that happened in October and just to name a few, coffee with a copy at McDonalds and Starbucks, Faith & Blue Weekend, a chili cookoff event at JM Wright Tech High School.

Youth Leadership Program began meetings in October with 10 middle school students signed up for the program. The meetings are held at the PAL Center every Wednesday.

Old/New Business

The SPA contract passed with the union vote – a 4 year contract but already in year 2. Ends June 2026.

Chief attended a fundraiser in Stamford hosted by Lynn and Glen Iurato to benefit Bristol PD and Stamford PD. The event raised \$60,000 to be split between the two departments.

Chief told the Commission he was available after the meeting to give anyone who was interested a tour of our new Training Academy.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:25pm with a motion by Commissioner Fedele and approved by Commissioner Jackson and second by Commission Aveiro.

Next meeting will be December 4, 2023 at 5:00pm

Submitted,

Michael Fedele

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Chairperson