



## Stamford Police Commission

August 10, 2020

### Statement regarding August 8 Protest March

The City of Stamford Charter gives the Stamford Police Commission the authority to conduct hearings and investigations relating to the general welfare of the Department. We will be exercising this authority regarding the incident that occurred Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020, on Broad Street after the police assisted with a demonstration march. This will be an independent investigation conducted by the commission. We will look at all the information available including video footage and will conduct interviews if necessary.

At this very sensitive time for both civilians and police officers, it is important that this investigation be conducted objectively and thoroughly. No judgements or conclusions will be determined from selective or incomplete data.

It is unfortunate that this particular demonstration deteriorated into a contentious situation. However, we want to recognize and thank the many demonstrators and police officers that have enabled peaceful dialogue addressing unconscious bias and systemic discrimination in our society. We must continue to address these important topics with productive and collaborative dialogue and not let this incident distract us from our objective of a fair public safety environment that respects everyone.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tim Abbazia".

Tim Abbazia  
Chairman  
Stamford Police Commission