



**ORANGE DEPARTMENT OF POLICE SERVICE
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

COMMISSIONER ROY CUZZOCREO
COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER CARVETH

COMMISSIONER JOHN BARTON

COMMISSIONER MARIAN HURLEY
COMMISSIONER NYJAHWAHN WALKER

**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
Immediately following Traffic Authority Meeting
Monday January 10, 2022**

Notice: In accordance with Governor Lamont's Executive Order 7B regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic, this meeting will be held remotely with no in-person attendance. If you wish to attend this meeting remotely, you must pre-register with Board Secretary Kathy Gulia at kgulia@orange-ct.gov or 203-891-2136.

Unapproved Minutes

Commission Chairman Barton called the meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners to order at 4:39 p.m.

Commissioners Present:

Commissioner Jack Barton
Commissioner Christopher Carveth
Commissioner Roy Cuzzocreo
Commissioner Marian Hurley
Commissioner Nyjahwahn Walker

Commissioners Absent:

Also Present:

Police Chief Robert Gagne
Assistant Chief Max Martins
Commission Secretary Kathy Gulia

Minutes

Commissioner Carveth, seconded by Commissioner Hurley made the motion to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2021 Board of Police Commissioners Meeting. **The motion passed 4-0 with Commissioner Walker abstaining.**

Chief Gagne informed the Board that Walter "Bud" Smith had passed away. He was a long-time supporter of our Department and the PBA. A moment of silence was observed in his honor and memory.

Reports

Activity of the Department: Chief Gagne discussed December statistics with the Commissioners. The Board was informed that there were 39 criminal arrests and 79 motor vehicle citations. There was 1 commercial burglary, 1 stolen motor vehicle, and 2 recovered vehicles. In addition, there were 51 larcenies and 77 motor vehicle accidents. There were 3,657 calls for service that generated 523 written reports. Chief Gagne provided updates on the burglaries.

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Chief Gagne reviewed the yearly statistics, he highlighted changes in identity theft, medical emergencies, motor vehicle thefts and accidents, failure to stop, robberies, shoplifting and weapon law violations.

Chief Gagne reported that the Records Division took in report sales of \$163.00, parking tags of \$25.00, 455.00 in permits and \$10.00 in record checks, for a total of \$653.00.

Expenditures

Chief Gagne highlighted some expenditures from December including de-escalation training for Det Knepper, Behavioral Health Consultants for wellness checks, Patrol PC for computers for the new patrol cars and expenses associated with the refurbished and technically updated conference/training room.

Budget Balances

Chief Gagne advised that all is in order, there are no concerns.

Old Business

2022-2023 Short Term Capital: Chief Gagne advised that the hierarchy assessment by the committee was complete. The crash scene system that was the first priority last year is now number seven. The proposals will be reviewed by the Finance Board.

2022 – 2023 Proposed Budget: The budget was submitted and the Budget Workshop is planned for February 4, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.

COVID Protocols: Chief Gagne advised that with this latest wave, many protocols are back in place including masks in the building, training and meetings via ZOOM, limited response protocol for minor medicals, etc. The COVID test kit distribution was a success.

New Business

None.

Chief Gagne advised the Board that one of the latest pieces we needed to complete for the Police Accountability Bill is Use of Force. The General Order has been updated, the train the trainer is complete and departmental training is occurring this week via ZOOM.

Correspondence

Thank you letters from Virginia Giuliano to Officers Amarone and Esposito thanking them for assistance with her stolen purse.

Thank you letter and donation from Attorney Laura Mooney, thanking the Department for their work.

Thank you letter for Det. Ahern for his assistance with a money scam.

Thank you letter and donation from Joan Cretella in memory of her mother, Stella.

Thank you letter from Chief Gagne to Joan Cretella.

Thank you letters from Chief Gagne to Lt. LaPlante, Sgt. DeRubeis, Officers Lane, Valdovinos, Crainich and Recruits Artabane and Cavanaugh for their work at the COVID Test Distribution.

Personnel

Personnel Issues (Executive Session)

Commissioner Carveth, seconded by Commissioner Hurley made a motion to enter Executive Session at 5:09 p.m.

The motion passed unanimously. The Board invited Chief Gagne and Assistant Chief Martins into Executive Session. Commissioner Carveth seconded by Commissioner Hurley amended the motion to invite Board Secretary, Kathy Gulia into Executive Session.

Commissioner Cuzzocreo, seconded by Commissioner Carveth made a motion to bring the Board out of Executive Session at 5:18 p.m. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Hurley, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:19 p.m. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Gulia, Board Secretary