



TOWN OF NEWTOWN

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Philip Cruz

POLICE COMMISSION

The Board of Police Commissioners
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, March 5, 2024, 6:30 P.M.
191 South Main Street, Newtown, CT
Conference Room

MINUTES ARE NOT FINALIZED UNTIL APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners Present: Brian Budd, Scott Ciccari (absent), Julia Conlin, Philip Cruz, Rance Thompson

Also Present: Chief David Kullgren, Deputy Chief Bryan Bishop, Officer Felicia Figol, and Officer Maryhelen McCarthy

Commissioner Budd called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m., beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Participation

None

Police Union Participation

None

Consideration and Action on Minutes: Commissioner Conlin moved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of February 6, 2024. Commissioner Cruz seconded. Motion Passed. All in Favor.

Chief's Report

Chief Kullgren stated that there are two personnel on leave, one out on military deployment, and one vacancy due to retirement. A retirement letter was received from a veteran supervisor. He will be on the books through the end of this month and on terminal leave through the end of May. He will be accessible, if approved, for outside employment (see enclosure). There was a big gas line break at Fairfield Hills that was quickly taken care of by Eversource, a perimeter was set up, and the campus was evacuated.

Old Business

None

New Business

Review of Department Policies, discussion, and possible action

3.07 Prisoner Transportation - Deputy Chief Bishop presented the prisoner transportation policy. The only addition was mandated language for restrained prisoners to wear seatbelts while being transported, with a few exceptions. Commissioner Cruz questioned if the vehicles needed retrofitting. Deputy Chief Bishop stated the patrol vehicles do not need retrofitting. Commissioner Conlin questioned section D subsection A and updating the statement to a full sentence. Deputy Chief Bishop stated that full sentences would be used. Commissioner Conlin questioned section C20. Deputy Chief Bishop addressed the statement of activating the recording and stated that the cameras are always on and that the language is antiquated.

Commissioner Budd made a motion to accept Policy 3.07 Updated Prisoner Transportation, with the recommendation of the updated language. Commissioner Cruz seconded the motion. Motion Passed. All in Favor.

Correspondence

An email was received from the clerk stating her email changed.

A thank you letter from the Women's Club of Newtown to Chief Kullgren was shared (see enclosure).

Commissioners' Participation

None

Executive Session Personnel Matters

a. Outside employment

b. Interviews and possible action

Commissioner Budd made a motion pursuant to 1-200(6) to move into Executive Session to discuss an outside employment request and appointing a new police officer. Invitation to join the Executive Session was extended to Chief Kullgren and Deputy Chief Bryan Bishop. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion Passed. All in Favor. The meeting entered Executive Session at 6:42 p.m and returned to regular session at 8:15 p.m. with the following motions.

Commissioner Budd made a motion to accept an application for secondary employment as discussed in Executive Session. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion Passed. All in Favor.

Commissioner Budd made a motion to offer candidate ranked 1 a position as an entry level police officer with the Newtown Police Department starting as soon as possible. Motion seconded by Commissioner Conlin. Motion Passed. All in Favor.

Adjournment: Having no further business, Commissioner Budd motioned to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners at 8:17 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Thompson. Motion Passed. All in Favor.

Dana Ulibarri, clerk

Enclosures

Chief Thank You

DB Activity Report

Training Report

Incident Statistics

Chiefs Report

Secondary Employment Request

Dear Chief

Your presentation to the
Newton Women's Club was fan-
tastic and very well received!
The over view of the N.P.D. was
especially interesting. We all
learned a lot about you "deers"
and appreciate and respect all
you do.

Thank you so much

Cordially
Mimi Stenderant

2/22/24

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DETECTIVE BUREAU ACTIVITY January 31, 2024 through February 28, 2024

Summary of New Cases Investigated by the Detective Bureau:

- 1 Sexual Offense
- 1 Suspicious Activity – Possible Sexual Offense
- 1 Agency Assist – Tobacco Sting Operation

Summary of New Cases Investigated by the Youth Division:

- 2 Vandalisms
- 1 Crisis Intervention

Total New Investigations: 6

Cases of Note:

Sexual Offense:

The Detective Bureau is investigating a possible juvenile sexual offense. This investigation is ongoing.

Suspicious Activity – Sexual Offense

The Detective Bureau is investigating a separate possible sexual offense. This investigation is also ongoing.

Tobacco Sting Operation:

The Detective Bureau partnered with the State of Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) Tobacco Prevention and Enforcement Program and conducted unannounced checks on 21 businesses in town that sell tobacco and e-cigarette products. 2 establishments were found to be non-compliant and were issued first time Infraction Tickets.

Observed Trends:

- There have still been numerous Fraud / Bad Check calls for service received by the Newtown Police Department. These Calls for Service generally encompass common scams via phone call, text or email, and fraudulently issued or modified bank checks. A social media post was created in an attempt to educate Newtown residence regarding a common scam.

- There has been an unprecedented increase in written checks being stolen from residential / commercial “blue” USPS mailboxes. These checks are then fraudulently negotiated, typically out of state. The Newtown Police Department has created several public notices advising the residents of Newtown to stop mailing paper checks, or delivers these mailings directly to the post office counter.
- The Youth Division has been active in the community, making a visible presence to community businesses.

Prepared by Detective Lieutenant Liam Seabrook

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Training
February 2024

During this month the following training was completed and/or instructed:

Employee	School Type	School Name	Date	Hours
Det. Monckton, Ofc. Mulhall	ESU	Sniper Monthly Training	02/12/2024	8
Lt. Seabrook, Det. Monckton, Ofc. Mulhall, Ofc Hayes, Ofc Guernsey	ESU	ESU Monthly Training	02/22/2024	8
K9 Ofc. Figol	K9	K9 Monthly Training	02/05/2024 02/26/2024	8
Sgt. McDermott Ofc. McDermott Ofc. Ongaro	Leadership	NERLEEA Advisor	02/02/2024	8
Ofc. Facto Ofc. Hyvarinen	Crisis Intervention	CABLE Crisis Intervention Team	02/05/2024 – 02/09/2024	8
Lt. Smit Sgt. McDermott Sgt. Chapman Acting Sgt. Pirhala Ofc. Wickman Ofc. Crone Ofc. Schoen Ofc. Rojas	POSTC In Service Recertification	February Recertification	02/19/2024 – 02/23/2024	8

Sergeant John McDermott
Professional Standards
Newtown Department of Police Services

Newtown Police Department

Incident Statistics Report

02/01/2024 00:00 Thru 02/29/2024 23:59

Call Type Description	Total for Period
P 911 CHECK	5
P ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE	2
P ALARM - CANCELLED	11
P ALARM - RESID/COMM	2
P ALARM FALSE	38
P ALARM-STORM RELATED / EXCUSED	1
P ANIMAL CALL	27
P ASSAULT	1
P ASSIST AGENCY / MUTUAL AID	11
P BUILDING CHECK	781
P BURGLARY	1
P CIVIL MATTER	11
P COMMUNITY POLICING / EVENT	8
P CRISIS INTERVENTION	5
P DEATH NOTIFICATION	1
P DISABLED MOTOR VEHICLE	23
P DISPUTE	13
P DOMESTIC	1
P DRONE CALL OUT	1
P DUI	2
P DUMPING / LITTERING	1
P ERRATIC OPERATION	21
P ESCORT	3
P FIRE ASSIST	2
P FOUND / LOST PROPERTY	10
P FRAUD / BAD CHECK	8
P HARASSMENT	6
P HEALTH / WELFARE CHECK	26
P K9 CALL OUT / TRAINING	2
P LARCENY	8
P MEDICAL ASSIST	9
P MISCELLANEOUS SERVICE	44
P MISSING PERSON	1
P MOTOR VEHICLE INCIDENT	8
P MVA	37
P MVA - DEER	2
P MVA - EVADING	2
P MVA - INJURY	6
P NARCOTICS / DRUGS	1

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02/01/2024 00:00 Thru 02/29/2024 23:59

Call Type Description	Total for Period
P NOISE COMPLAINT	2
P PARKING ENFORCEMENT / COMPLAINT	4
P PUBLIC HAZARD	26
P RECREATIONAL SHOOTING	5
P SEX OFFENSES	1
P SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	73
P THREATENING	1
P TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT	107
P TRAFFIC STOP	165
P TRAFFIC STUDY / COMPLAINT	12
P UNATTENDED DEATH	1
P VANDALISM	5
P WARRANT SERVICE	2
P WEAPONS VIOLATION/ SHOOTING COMPLAINT	1
Total:	1547

Chief's Report

Police Commission

03/05/2024

Personnel Report:

- Department Authorized Strength - 45 personnel
 - Injury/Extended Leave – 1 personnel
 - Field Training – 0 personnel
 - Military Deployment - 1 personnel, w/ USCG
 - Vacancy - 1, interviewing ongoing, potential for a special meeting in Feb to hire.
 - Effective Strength – 41 personnel

Activities:

- Chief & Deputy Chief:
 - 2/7 Staff Meeting
 - 2/12 Dispatch Contract Negotiations
 - 2/12 Microsoft Team Meeting (App Build)
 - 2/15 Speaker at Newtown Women's Club
 - 2/15 Church Hill Village Visit
 - 2/16 Firearm Training Facility
 - 2/19 Lieutenant Montefusco (Western CT)
 - 2/20 FBINAA Board Meeting
 - 2/21 PD Contract Negotiations
 - 2/21 Board of Finance
 - 2/22 DSSC Meeting
 - 2/22 Amy Mangold/Dorrie Carolan
 - 2/23 Discipline Webinar
 - 2/23 Flock Safety Meeting
 - 2/26 Dispatch Contract Negotiations
 - 2/26 Federal Funding Process
 - 2/27 Meeting with SRO McDermott & Community Services Sergeant Chapman
 - 2/29 CIRMA Meeting
 - 3/1 Roseann Reggiano Retirement

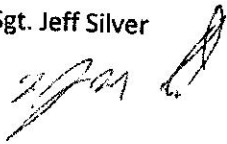
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Newtown Police Commission:

I would like to respectfully request approval of secondary employment to allow for a slightly earlier start date for my next job. In anticipation of my normal retirement date of June 1, 2024 I began exploring employment options with the intent of starting after that date. It has been my understanding that the State of Connecticut usually has a long hiring process so I applied early to Western Connecticut State University Police Department. The hiring process went much faster than expected and should be completed within a week. The department is very small and they will be losing one third of their patrol officers for various reasons in the middle of March so they are looking for me to start at least part time on March 18th. My main focus will remain on Newtown PD until I am able to start my retirement, but I would like to be able to start at least part time with WestConn. I would anticipate no more than an additional 16-24 hours of work a week, something that many officers including myself do with side jobs and overtime on a regular basis. This would also only be for a few weeks at which time I will be able to utilize my contractual time off until my normal retirement date. Once I do retire on June 1, 2024 I would like to stay on here as a special with Newtown.

It has been a pleasure serving the Town of Newtown for the past 25 years, and I look forward to the next chapter.

Sgt. Jeff Silver



Newtown Department of Police Services
Regular Off-Duty Employment Approval Form

Employee's Name Jeff Silver Present Assignment Patrol Sgt
Prospective Off-Duty Employer or Business West Conn Police Address 181 White St Danbury
Prospective Immediate Supervisor Lt Monte Risco Business Phone 203 837 9099

New Request or Annual Request/Reapplication Request New

If New, Anticipated Starting Date/or Reapplication-Previous Termination Date 3/18/2024 Hours Per Week 16-24 until able to go full time
Campus Police

Nature of Work to be Performed (General and Specific).

Is the purpose of your prospective regular off-duty private employment to utilize your police skills and expertise?
Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, I fully understand that I will not be granted worker's compensation injury leave with pay if I become injured while on this off-duty employment. I must advise my prospective employer of this policy and his/her potential responsibility if I receive an incapacitating injury; however, I do understand that I may use any sick leave I have accrued if I become physically incapable of reporting for duty due to an off-duty injury.

If no, and in my prospective off-duty employment I find it necessary to exercise police action that results in an injury, I fully understand that I would then be subject to all applicable laws and department policies pertaining to such action and resulting injury.

I accept the condition that I am not to use any city equipment or utilize the facilities of our Records Division in connection with my prospective off-duty employment.

I also agree to abide by all Policies and Procedures, and Rules and Regulations of the Department.

My regular off-duty employment will be terminated by Retirement
(Date/Maximum 3 years)

Request: ☐ Approval ☐ Denied

Submitting Officer [Signature] ID 0063 Date 2/28/2024

Chief of Police _____ Date: _____

Police Commission Approval Date: _____

Conditional

Comments: _____

This request must be received in the Chief's office four weeks prior to starting/termination date. Complete original and two copies. Submit original and two copies to the Chief of Police. A copy will be returned to submitting officer. One copy will be placed in the Chief's Office File and the original will be placed in the Employee's Personnel File.