

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
33 LAUREL STREET
BRANFORD, CONNECTICUT 06405-3644
MINUTES OF MEETING: March 14, 2022

Commissioners Present:

Commissioner Jill Marcus
Commissioner Richard Goodwin
Commissioner Valerie Wiel-Wilkins
Commissioner Janice Heggie-Margolis
Commissioner John Sousoulas
Commissioner Patty Austin

Also present was Chief Mulhern and Deputy Chief Alves.

The meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Commissioner Goodwin to approve the minutes from February 15, 2022.
Seconded by Commissioner Sousoulas. Vote unanimous.

Report of the Deputy Chief:

Chief Mulhern provided the compstat report. He reported that arrests are down with 33 arrests in February. The monthly report is now a monthly statistical report. The primary method that the department utilizes is the National Incident Based Reporting System. Some of the coding has changed and some categories have been broken down further into additional categories. Adjustments to the coding in the report also may contribute to significant increases or decreases in some offenses. Numbers may fluctuate in the next few months as coding changes are made. There has been an increase in theft of catalytic converters, this has become a local and national problem. Shoplifting has also increased.

Forfeiture Report – There have been about \$50,000 in deposits. Due to COVID there hasn't been much activity with the account.

Budget Review – The Chief provided a brief overview of the 2022-2023 budget. He stated that the budget that will be presented to the Board of Finance is very flat. It is a very conservative budget and there's enough in the personnel line item to fill any current or upcoming vacancies. There are no raises for personnel in the budget, all of the contracts are being negotiated.

The board discussed several types of scams and online crimes. The Chief advised the public to be careful of various types of scams that are happening. Residents should be cautious of internet

scams; telephone scams and individuals showing up at homes identifying themselves as utility workers.

Deputy Chief Alves provided the training report. He stated that Mental Health Evaluations were completed for 11 officers as required; Administrative Officers and Detectives received Idemia Training for fingerprinting; Dominique Virgulto and Corrienne Carangelo attended Accreditation Training; Several Officers attended Crime Scene Photography training; Sergeant Carney attended K-9 Training; and a Dispatcher is currently completing ongoing Field Training in Communications.

They started their recruitment drive to fill a vacancy. They will be holding a Coffee with a Cop on March 24 for individuals that may be interested in a career at BPD to meet some of the officers and to get more information about the department.

The Building project is still ongoing. They have been meeting with the architect and he's been assisting with the proposals for schematic design. Request for Proposals will be drafted for a Construction Manager to oversee the project. Discussion took place concerning the project. The proposed project will address current problems, current needs and future needs of the department.

Motion made by Commissioner Goodwin to accept the report of the Chief. Seconded by Commissioner Sousoulas. Vote unanimous.

Traffic Committee – No report.

Motion made by Commissioner Marcus to adjourn the meeting at 6:11 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Goodwin. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trista Milici, Clerk