

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
33 LAUREL STREET
BRANFORD, CONNECTICUT 06405-3644
VIDEO/TELECONFERENCE MEETING
MINUTES OF MEETING: May 10, 2021

Commissioners Present:

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

Also present were: Chief Mulhern and Deputy Chief Alves. Commissioner Tony Lasala was absent.

The meeting called to order at 5:32 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Commissioner Austin to approve the minutes from April 12, 2021. Seconded by Commissioner Sousoulas. Vote unanimous.

Organization of the Board:

Motion made by Commissioner Goodwin to enter into executive session at 5:32 p.m. to interview a certified officer. Seconded by Commissioner Austin. Vote unanimous.

Present in executive session were Commissioners Jill Marcus, Richard Goodwin, John Sousoulas, Patty Austin, and Valerie Wiel-Wilkins. Also present were: Chief Mulhern and Deputy Chief Alves and candidate Amanda Gonzalez.

Return to regular session at 5:48.

Motion made by Commissioner Goodwin to extend an offer of employment to Amanda Gonzalez effective May 24, 2021. Seconded by Commissioner Sousoulas. Vote unanimous.

Report of the Chief:

CompStat Report – Chief Jon Mulhern provided the compstat report, there has been an overall slight decrease in auto theft. There is an increase in theft from auto as well as an increase in the theft of catalytic converters from vehicles. Discussion took place concerning the Active Shooter incident. Chief reported that the response was amazing. Everyone displayed calmness, thoughtfulness and extreme discipline. He extended his appreciation and response from all of

their partners including, Branford 911 Dispatch, Branford Fire, East Haven PD, South Central CT SWAT, CT State Police, NH Bomb Squad, Town Hall and others. He state that the community support has been fantastic.

Deputy Chief Alves provided a report concerning the Emergency Response Social Worker position. Year to date there has been a 25% increase in mental health related incidents. 36% of the calls involved a repeated subject. They are currently working with the Human Resources Department to recruit prospective candidates. Application are being accepted until June 1.

It was also mentioned that Michael Grey will serve as the Community Service Officer in Stony Creek.

Forfeiture Report – no report

Injury Report – Two officers were out but have both returned to duty.

Letters – Chief Mulhern presented several letters of appreciation for the entire department; Officer Vitale, Det. Atkinson and Officer Cassella.

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Traffic Committee

No report.

Report of the Chair – Chairman Marcus stated how proud the Commission was of the entire department for their response in the active shooter incident.

Motion made by Commissioner Goodwin to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Sousoulas. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trista Milici, Clerk