

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
33 LAUREL STREET
BRANFORD, CONNECTICUT 06405-3644

MINUTES OF MEETING: April 9, 2018

Present:

Commissioner Jill Marcus (Chairman)
Commissioner Richard Goodwin
Commissioner Anthony Lasala
Commissioner Peter Hugret
Commissioner John Sousoulas
Commissioner Valerie Wiel-Wilkins.

Also present were: Chief Kevin Halloran.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Marcus.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Commissioner Sousoulas to approve the minutes of March 20, 2018. Seconded by Commissioner Hugret. Vote unanimous.

Report of the Chief:

Compstat Report – Chief Halloran reported that during the past month the department issued 354 tickets, 33 of which were for cell phone/distracted driver violations. He reported cases of significance including a couple domestic disputes; DUI arrest following a radar violation; rash of theft from motor vehicles as well as theft of motor vehicles; a resident called in a report of a suspicious vehicle, it was stolen motor vehicle, juveniles were taken into custody, East Haven provided assistance including K-9 Ace resulted in locating a suspect hiding in a shed; continuing with traffic stops and building checks; thefts from unlocked vehicles has greatly increased; car loads of kids are pulling up into neighborhoods and rummaging through unlocked vehicles and taking whatever they can including in some cases the cars; Violent domestic violence case reported on North Main Street; Road rage incident reported; two additional DUI arrests; Detective division busy assisting patrol division and recovery two stolen cars. Part I Crimes – 20% increase primary driver of that is auto thefts; Quality of Life Crimes – down 14% overall.

Forfeiture Report: The Chief reported that the forfeiture balance is \$171,218.35.

Swords into Plowshares – Newtown Action Alliance, a coalition of law enforcement agencies and community groups. New Haven Police Department is a participant and has offered assistance. This is weapons turn in program, the weapons are disabled and the metals are melted down to make tools (such as garden tools). This would be funded by the Newton Alliance.

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Budget – Budget presentations have been made. The Board of Finance made the following cuts: \$66,000 from regular wages and salaries and motor vehicle.

Personnel:

Deputy Chief's position – There are 26 applicants for the position. South Central Criminal Justice will vet all the candidates and eliminate those that are not qualified. Panel will interview those qualified candidates and narrow it down to about 6 candidates. Those 6 candidates will come before the Commission for interviews. The Chief suggested that the Commission should start thinking about questions. The Chief will spend a couple days with the candidates then he will make a recommendation to the Commission.

Injury Report – none

Letters:

Chief Halloran read a letter thanking Officer Romanello.

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

Traffic Committee:

A request for a "No Parking This Side" along Lanphier Cove Road between Double Beach Road and Howard Avenue. The Traffic Committee recommended that the commission approve no parking on the even side of the road. Motion made by Commissioner Goodwin to approve the recommendation. Seconded by Commissioner Lasala. Vote unanimous.

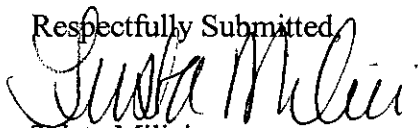
A request for "No Parking" – Flax Mill Road near Northford Road. This is an enforcement issue. The Traffic Committee recommended no action on this item.

Report of the Chair – Reminded residents to lock their cars and not to share personal/sensitive information with people that call you on the phone.

Citizens' Comments – none

Motion made by Commissioner Goodwin to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Hugret. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted



Trista Milici
Clerk