

**MINUTES OF THE SUFFIELD POLICE COMMISSION
Police Headquarters - 911 Mountain Road, Suffield, CT 06078
July 24, 2024 – Regular Meeting**

Commissioners: Chairman Anthony Greco, William Boucher, Kristina Hallett, Terrence Plakias and Michael Siegel.

Also Present: Captain Palmer, Lieutenant Ryan Burrell and Susan Smyth.

Chairman Greco called the Regular Police Commission meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Public Comment:

None

Communications and Announcements:

Commissioner Kristina Hallett read aloud a card from McAlister Intermediate School. They would like to thank the department for donating time to give a student a ride to school in a Police Cruiser.

Previous Minutes:

Chairman Greco asked for a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of the June 26, 2024. Commissioner Kristina Hallett made the motion to approve the submitted minutes of the regular meeting with no changes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Michael Siegel. Motion was passed by unanimous voice vote.

DEPARTMENT / CHIEF REPORT

1. SRO Report – Submitted by Officer Randy Roman

a) There were no comments from the Commission.

2. ACO Report – Submitted by Ryan Selig

a.) There were no comments from the Commission.

3. Detective Reports- Submitted by Detective St. John and Officer Fox

a.) There were no comments from the Commission.

Operations Report – Submitted by Lieutenant Ryan Burrell

Lieutenant Burrell's report indicated the following:

Arrests:

- Officers made 5 arrests since June 19, 2024

Serious Collision:

- Officers responded to a motor vehicle collision on N. Main Street on July 17, 2024. The operator of the vehicle was pronounced dead at the scene. On July 17, 2024 Officers responded to a motor vehicle vs. pedestrian collision on Mapleton Avenue. When Officers arrived on scene they discovered that a 15-year-old male had been struck while crossing the street, NCMARS responded and is investigating the collision. Commissioner Hallett would like to pass along her Compassion and Support for all that we are at the 2 serious accidents on July 17, 2024.

Equipment Update:

- We are currently maintaining the fleet that we have.
- The Tahoe's are experiencing significant oil loss in between oil changes.
- Three explorers have been ordered from MHQ and the emergency equipment has been ordered as well.

Administrative Updates – Submitted by Captain Robert Palmer

Community Engagement/Social Media

- We continue to make updates to our webpage to provide greater access to Department info. We are looking to make an interactive section for crime/crash/motor vehicle and other operational information from the agency. These info pages would be linked to our Power BI system and that information would be updated automatically.
- We are developing plans for critical incident responses where we need more than one dispatcher. These plans for long term critical incidents that require an extended response.

Other:

- The first evaluations are being presented and other personnel over the course of July. The next evaluations will be a mid-year in December and then the annual in June 2025.
- Only a few people still require the update/refresher for the FTO/CTO and we are making arrangements to complete that training before the summer is over.

Commission Meeting Report/Police Budget and ACO Report – Submitted by Chief James Canon

Chief Canon reported on the following:

New Hires:

- On July 11, 2024 Officer Hinckley graduated from POST Academy Class #381. He is in the first phase of field training.

Budget Highlights:

- The Police Department closed out FY 24 with a slight overage in salary, while remaining within budget on benefits and expense.
- The Animal Control Officer budget has finished within budget in all areas for FY 24.

Grants:

- We are nearing the end of the grant season and some of them are starting to drop off by virtue of their expiration dates.

Executive Session

None

New Business:

Commissioner Greco asked for a motion to table Chief of Police Self-Assessment/Evaluation to next month's meeting. Motion by Commissioner Kristina Hallett to table to next monthly Commission meeting. Motion 2nd by William Boucher. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Old Business

None

Chairman's Update:

None

Adjournment:

With nothing further, Chairman Greco asked for a motion to adjourn the Regular Police Commission Meeting. Commission Michael Siegel made a motion to adjourn at 6:41 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Kristina Hallett. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted by,

Susan Smyth