

MINUTES OF THE SUFFIELD POLICE COMMISSION
Police Headquarters - 911 Mountain Road, Suffield, CT 06078
April 22, 2026

Commissioners: Chairman Anthony Greco, Kristina Hallett, William Boucher and David Shute.

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

Chairman Greco called the Regular Police Commission meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Communications and Announcements:

None

Previous Minutes:

Chairman Greco asked for a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of the March 25, 2026 meeting as amended. Motion was made by Chairman Greco, seconded by Commissioner Hallett to approve the minutes. Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment

Gayle Demko(Economic Development Commission), 1238 Mountain Road Suffield CT. Requested to speak regarding the Sunrise Park entrance traffic pattern and visibility concerns. Ms. Demko discussed the current crisscross pattern of traffic entering and exiting Sunrise Park and how it creates many near misses. The line of site to exit is also blinded by the current lay of land. The Economic Development Commission would like to work with the State DOT to assist in designing an entrance that would provide visibility as well as a proper entrance format to alleviate the current safety concerns.

DEPARTMENT / CHIEF REPORT

1. SRO Report – Submitted by Officer Alex Scata

a) There were no comments from the Commission.

2. Detective Reports- Submitted by Detective Erin Selig

a.) There were no comments from the Commission.

3. ACO Reports – Submitted by ACO Ryan Selig

a.) There were no comments from the Commission.

Operations Report – Submitted by Lieutenant Ryan Burrell

Lieutenant Burrell's report indicated the following:

Arrests/Search Warrant/Motor Vehicle incidents:

- Officers made seven arrests between 03/19/26-04/17/26.

- Two parties were arrested for Assault in the Third Degree and Disorderly Conduct after assaulting each other in a domestic violence incident.
- Another suspect was arrested for Disorderly Conduct after a Domestic Violence incident.
- Motor vehicle arrests were made for charges relating to Speeding, Operating with a suspended license, etc.
- Officers have responded to multiple calls for mental health concerns in the last month.

Equipment Update:

- Three more officers were sent to ATV training which now makes 12 certified operators for ATV operations.

Administrative Updates – Submitted by Captain Robert Palmer

Training/Accreditation and Misc.

- Drug Analysis Testing is complete for all but two of our Officers for recert.
- The POSTC on-line training platform ACADIS, is up and running and we are submitting training and recertification requests through the portal.
- Training for all SPD Members in the ABLE skills will happen through our certified instructors starting on April 28, 2026.
- We have 7 certified instructors in the Agency with at least two more Officers interested in future opportunities.

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

Chief Canon reported on the following:

Informational:

- The Police Department budget is still projecting an overage for this year for the salary line item. The overage is expected to be the approximate cost of one pay period. While we have adjusted the budget recently based upon the “knowns”- contractual requirements, and not overtime expenditures.

Local Traffic Authority:

- Discussed in Public Comment.

Misc.:

- There is currently a single vacancy. Also, another retirement will be effective May 1, 2026. We have made a conditional offer to fill one position and are currently in the background process with that candidate.
- The ARPA Speed Enforcement Grant remains active.
- Continuing the process of re-writing some of the agreed upon awards to be presented for the Awards Program.

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Commissioner Hallett made a motion to approve the reports submitted. Motion seconded by David Shute. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

New Business:

None

Old Business

None

Chairman's Update:

None

Executive Session:

None

Adjournment:

With nothing further, Chairman Greco asked for a motion to adjourn the Regular Police Commission Meeting. Commission Hallett made a motion to adjourn at 7:01 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Boucher. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted by,

Susan Smyth