

**MINUTES OF THE SUFFIELD POLICE COMMISSION**  
**Police Headquarters - 911 Mountain Road, Suffield, CT 06078**  
**May 27, 2026**

**Commissioners:** Chairman Anthony Greco, Kristina Hallett, William Boucher and Michael Seigel.

**Also Present:** Chief Canon, Captain Robert Palmer and Susan Smyth.

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

**Communications and Announcements:**

Commissioner Hallett read a card aloud from Donna and Kevin Rabbett expressing gratitude for all the hard work of Lt. Burrell, Officer Donnelly and Dispatcher Webster on April 29, 2026 regarding a house fire they contacted the Police Department for. The quick action and presence offered comfort during a challenging event.

Commissioner Hallett read aloud a card from Rick Dubour thanking Officer Murphy, ACO Selig and Detective Selig for allowing him to ride along on May 1, 2026. He thoroughly enjoyed his time with all and now has a better understanding of the great work that they perform.

Commissioner Hallett read aloud a letter from Patricia and Frederic DuBour stating their attendance of the Suffield Citizens Police Academy was the best municipal interaction and educational seminar that they have ever attended. They take comfort to know that in Suffield, we have a smart, talented, caring and kind Police Department who share the best interests of its citizens.

**Previous Minutes:**

Chairman Greco asked for a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of the April 22, 2026 meeting. Motion was made by Chairman Greco, seconded by Commissioner Hallett to approve the minutes. Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Public Comment**

Frederic DuBour, 9 Emma Place, Suffield CT addressed the Commission to express gratitude from himself, his wife and 5 neighbors for the Suffield Citizen Police Academy. He wanted to thank all the Department guest presenters during the course. Also, he thanked the Officers who gave ride alongs. The facilitator, Sgt. Miner who did a great job leading the class.

## **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 16 Arrests between 04/17/26-05/22/26.
- On 05/21/26 a search warrant located 3 missing juveniles that had been previously placed in to custody of DCF.
- One male suspect was arrested after refusing to leave a local restaurant when the establishment had already closed.
- Four different suspects were arrested in separate incidents for Disorderly Conduct after Domestic Violence Incidents in the last month.
- Motor vehicle arrests were made for charges relating to Reckless Driving, Speeding, Operating with a Suspended License, etc.
- A juvenile was arrested for Carrying a Dangerous Weapon after bringing an electronic defense weapon into school.
- One suspect was arrested by warrant for a domestic related incident for Disorderly Conduct and Assault in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree.

### **Equipment Update:**

- With the budget approved, we are looking for where to get new cruisers for the next fiscal year.
- There are still multiple outstanding recalls on the Ford Explorers. We are working with Ford to bring a mobile mechanic to the station to complete the recalls.

## **Administrative Updates – Submitted by Captain Robert Palmer**

### **Training/Accreditation and Misc.**

- Drug Analysis Testing is complete for all but one 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.
- CIRMA provided the simulator training for all the Officers available on 05/21/2026. The simulator was an outstanding training aid and well received by the people who used the system.

- The first round of ABLE training occurred on 04/28/26 and approximately 1/3 of the Agency was trained in those skills. The remainder of the Agency will be scheduled after July 1<sup>st</sup>. There was a very positive response from the people who attended the training.

**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:**

- There will be a meeting 05/28/26 with the Director of Security of the Yeshiva – Mapleton Avenue to discuss potential inquiries regarding pedestrian safety in this area. Members of Hilltop Farm will also be present for similar discussions regarding their concerns. More follow up after meeting.

**Misc.:**

- Officer John Lacic retired on May 1, 2026 after a 25-year career with the Suffield Police Department. The department wishes him well in his future endeavors. Our previously selected candidate to fill one of our two vacancies is on to the final phase of the hiring segment. We have conducted another round of interviews and the Captain and I will be meeting with a candidate on Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>.
- We are currently heading into a “busy” season with community event. This past weekend we assisted with the final Doyon Road Race.
- Based upon recommendations from the Juvenile Review Board, we will be having conversations about any possible adjustments to the Board to be more in line with recommendations. Statewide most Juvenile Review Boards are actually run by the local Youth Services Coordinators, with the Police Department only serving a small role and not oversight. There was discussion about having the Youth Services Coordinator attend next months Commission meeting to discuss future plans.
- The application for Bullet Proof Vest Grant shows approved and we await access sometime in the near future.

Chairman Greco made a motion to approve the reports submitted. Motion seconded by Commissioner Hallet. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**New Business:**

None

**Old Business:**

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 6:44 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Boucher. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted by,

Susan Smyth