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MINUTES OF THE SUFFIELD POLICE COMMISSION
Police Headquarters - 911 Mountain Road, Suffield, CT 06078
October 28, 2026

Commissioners: Chairman Anthony Greco, Joseph Blake, William Boucher, Michael Seigel Kristina Hallett (by zoom) and Dave Shute.

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

Chairman Greco called the Regular Police Commission meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Communications and Announcements:
None

Previous Minutes:
Chairman Greco asked for a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of the September 23, 2026 meeting. Motion was made by Chairman Greco, seconded by Commissioner Boucher to approve the minutes. Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment
Community members attended meeting to discuss better options for the crosswalk on Bridge Street. Valerie Gauthier of 45 Bridge Street started discussion with safety concerns at the crosswalk on Bridge. She stated that there is a concentrated number of individuals that live in the area of that crosswalk and who utilize this crosswalk often. Many are elderly, deaf or handicap. Gabriel Segool who was struck by a vehicle on April 4, 2024 at 4:21 pm was in attendance to speak about his experience with the being struck while crossing at the crosswalk. Dr. Segool who is the father of Gabriel and also Mrs. Segool spoke on their concerns an suggestions. There were photographs of the area shared. Points of concern on the photos were discussed. There are concerns of obstacles that obstruct the crosswalk being seen. There was also discussion of options they would like the town to take into consideration to make this a safer crosswalk.

Chief Canon thanked the residents for attending and providing suggestions. This is a state road and will have it looked into further to see what options would be available.

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**

These minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting.

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/ Equipment:

- Officers made 10 arrests between 09/21/2026 and 10/23/2026
- Suffield Police assisted US Federal Probation Officers with an inspection at the home of a male party who is currently on supervised arrest.
- One Domestic arrest was made for Threatening in the 2nd degree, assault in 3rd degree and disorderly conduct.
- Another domestic arrest was made for threatening in the 2nd degree.
- One arrest was made for driving while intoxicated.
- There was an arrest by warrant for fleeing in vehicle after a collision.
- There was one motor vehicle stolen in the last month.
- Officers investigated several fraud cases in the past month.
- Officers responded to 26 motor vehicle crashes in the last month.
- One of the newer cruisers with only 13,000 miles had a catastrophic engine failure and needed the engine replaced. This was covered under warranty.
- 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.

- New recording system is online and functional.
- The POSTC online training platform, ACADIS, is up and running and we are submitting training and recertification requests through the portal.
- Training is ongoing and will need to keep pace with new policies as they are introduced.
- Captain Palmer is scheduled to provide Violent training for Kent Memorial Library (2 days) and once at the Town Hall prior to the end of 2026.
- The annual report on Use of Force, Pursuits and Internal Affairs Investigations for 2026 will be completed.
- There have been two candidates for FTO training which will occur in April of 2027.
- There will be a continued effort to conduct an aggressive recruiting.
- Captain Palmer has joined the Post University Criminal Justice Advisory Board.
- Requests for Towing info was provided to the Commission.

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

Chief Canon reported on the following:

Informational:

- The Police Department Budget appears to be on track at this point. As we are covering three vacancies (2 retirements and 1 long term illness) we are seeing higher overtime

costs as we have mandated minimums for patrol. Additionally, the gaps in not having three additional personnel increases the work load for the remaining staff, which may require additional time to complete investigations.

- The ACO budget is also on track and there have not been any significant issues related to this budget to date**.**

Grants/Future projects:

- The Town is currently in the process of applying for a Safe Streets All Grant. The grant is intended to encompass a variety of areas to include: Traffic safety, emergency warning systems as emergency vehicles approach traffic, additional traffic signs throughout Town-specifically for school and pedestrian crossings.
- Bullet Proof Vest Grant-Chief Canon clarified that existing funds within this grant are capable to be used for purchases up to June 30, 2026. A request for four vests purchased in previous years. There should be a maximum reimbursement for those purchases 50% of actual cost.
- Connecticut Sate Police has reached out to make us aware of potential grant funding for DUI related patrols. We will be discussing if we can handle additional grant work based upon the current staffing concerns, and advise the State of our position.
- The Edward Byrne JAG Grant has become available with an upcoming deadline in early November. Suffield would be eligible to receive up to $12,000 in grant funding if a request is approved.

Misc.:

- We have hired a part time Dispatcher. He has begun his field training and is currently getting acquainted with Suffield Police Department policies and procedures. He also works full time for another municipality in the area, so comes to Suffield with experience in the field.

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

Local Traffic Authority:

There are no new matters to be addressed at this time. Besides the one that was addressed today for crosswalk on Bridge Street. Chief has reached out to DOT for the update on the North Stone at Mountain requests. He has not yet heard the update that was promised for September 17, 2026. Within the past two weeks there has been additional complaints from town residents regarding this intersection. Brief discussion

New Business:

The 2027 Police Commission Meeting dates were passed out to the Commission. Chairman Greco asked if there were any conflicts or questions. There were none. Chairman Greco stated he will submit to the Town.

Old Business:
There was discussion on Tow company policies. The policy dates back to 1996. Commission and Captain Palmer will look into revisions for the Policy. There will also be more discussion on whether there will be other companies added to the tow rotation.

Executive Session:
None

Adjournment:
With nothing further, Chairman Greco asked for a motion to adjourn the Regular Police Commission Meeting. Commission Blake made a motion to adjourn at 7:15 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Boucher. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted by,

Susan Smyth