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MINUTES OF THE SUFFIELD POLICE COMMISSION
Police Headquarters - 911 Mountain Road, Suffield, CT 06078
November 18, 2026

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

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

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

Communications and Announcements:
Commissioner Boucher read aloud a letter from Frank & Elaine Bauchiero. They would like to formally commend Sgt. Fuller, Sgt Miner and Officer Roman. During a stressful situation the officers went beyond the call of duty. Their patience, communication and concern were amazing.

Previous Minutes:
Chairman Greco asked for a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of the October 28, 2026 meeting. Motion was made by Chairman Boucher to accept the meeting minutes with a amending that Captain Palmer was not in attendance, seconded by Commissioner Hallett to approve the minutes as amended. Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment
Alex Frasier of 1440 North Street expressed his concern of enforcement of speed on Rt. 75. He believes between the hours of 5:00 am and 7:00am. there is an influx of speeding due to traffic to Bradley International airport. He would like consideration for enforcement and what else can be done to monitor and help with this speed enforcement.

Valerie Gauthier, Gabriel Segol and Mrs. Segol attended the meeting to further discuss the crosswalk on Bridge Street. Ms. Gauthier submitted a request to the Local Traffic Authority. Also, discussed conversations she has had with CT State representative Tammy Zawistowski regarding the concern.

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.

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Operations Report – Submitted by Lieutenant Ryan Burrell

Lieutenant Burrell's report indicated the following:

Arrests/Search Warrant/Motor Vehicle incidents/ Equipment:

- Officers made 9 arrests between 10/23/26-11/16/26.
- One arrest was made by warrant for Violation of Probation.
- One arrest was made by warrant after a lengthy investigation from a Cyber Tip that was given to the Suffield Police Department. A male suspect was arrested for Possession of Child Sex abuse material.
- Two arrests were made for Driving while intoxicated and Failure to drive in proper lane.
- One suspect was arrested on 3 warrants including charges for Larceny in the 6th degree, larceny in the 5th degree, criminal trespass in the 1st degree and criminal trespass in the 3rd degree.
- One on site domestic arrest was made for Disorderly Conduct.
- One suspect was arrested by arrant for 3 violations of a Protective Order.
- Several motor vehicle arrests were made for charges relating to reckless driving, speeding, operation with a suspended license.
- No vehicles were stolen in the last month. The vehicles stolen over the last couple of months have been recovered.
- Officers responded to 2 larceny complaints in the last few weeks.
- Officers responded to 12 motor vehicle collisions in the last month

Administrative Updates – Submitted by Captain Robert Palmer

Training/Accreditation and Misc.

- Digital arrest paperwork processing will start occurring soon. This will allow for reduced trips to court as the system is validated.
- Drug analysis testing will be scheduled for April of 2027 for the officers that require recert.
- Training is ongoing and will need to keep pace with new policies as they are introduced. This ongoing training impact our scheduling and payroll but topics are mandatory based on a variety of requirements.
- Captain Palmer completed the training for Safety in Public Buildings at the Kent Memorial Library and Town Hall.
- We now have 7 certified instructors in the agency with at least 2 more Officers interested in future opportunities.
- We continue to use Total Response training platform to conduct sustainment training for all Dispatchers.
- Badge 6 software program is being brought on. It will reduce the number of hours we need to spend finding proofs and managing accreditation.
- Possible updates to the Police Commission Towing policy is now in the works.

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Commission Meeting Report/Police Budget and ACO Report – Submitted by Chief James Canon:
Chief Canon reported on the following:
Informational:

- The budget appears to be on tracking at this time. We are still managing three vacancies at the patrol level (2 retirements and 1 long term illness)
- The expense line item appears consistent with normal spending.
- The ACO budget is also on track and there have not been any significant issues to this budget to date.

Grants/Future projects:

- The town is currently in the process of applying for a Safer Streets for All Grant. The Grant is intended to encompass a variety of areas to include: Traffic safety, emergency warning systems from 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 purchase up to June 30, 2026 Reimbursements have been submitted for four vests purchased in previous years.
- The ARPA Speed Enforcement grant was suffecssfully closed out at the State level on November 10, 2026. The town should be expecting just over $12,000 in reimbursements as a result of the closeout.

Misc.:

- We are considering switching platforms for our policy and accreditation process. The new format would do everything that our current format does, but would also assist in our ability to apply our proofs to multiple accreditation standards at once. The annual accreditation process could take up to 1,000 hours per year between multiple staff members.

Chairman Shute 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:
Discussed in Local Traffic Authority (Gauthier)

Executive Session:
Motion by Chairman Greco to go into Executive Session. Motion seconded by Commissioner Boucher. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Board came out of Executive Session at 7:15 pm.

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 7:18 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Boucher. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted by,

Susan Smyth