

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
December 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.
Southington Police Department
69 Lazy Lane
Southington, CT 06489

Chairman James Verderame called the meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners to order at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom with the following in attendance:

Commissioner Sinclair, Commissioner Triano, Commissioner DellaVecchia, Commissioner Kalkowski and John F. Daly, Chief of Police.

Administrative staff in attendance:
Deputy Chief William Palmieri

James Verderame, Chair, presides:

1. **Pledge of Allegiance.** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone in attendance.

2. **Approval of Minutes** from the regular meeting, November 12, 2020.

Commissioner Kalkowski made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2020 regular meeting. Commissioner Sinclair seconded. Motion passed.

3. **Communications.**
 - a. **Communications from the Public**
None
 - b. **Commissioner Communications**

Chairman Verderame welcomed new Commissioner Robert Triano to the Board.

4. **Chief Jack Daly's Report to Commission.**

Chief Daly relayed the following:

- Dispatcher Jose Luna-Peguero completed his dispatching training on November 14, 2020. Jose is currently working the evening shift and doing a good job.
- Substitute Dispatcher Tracy Zurheide is scheduled to complete her training by mid-December. Tracy's training is going very well.

- They are currently working to fill another vacancy in Dispatch, which is anticipated to occur on December 31, 2020. Dispatcher Lester Bouchard is retiring after serving 15 years as an Emergency Services Dispatcher. Lister's service to the Southington Police Department started in the mid 1970's as an Auxiliary Police Officer, then a Supernumerary Officer, and finally a Dispatcher. We anticipate having the vacancy filled by mid-January 2021.
- They received an anonymous letter from a person acknowledging the great work of Officer Jim Valentine as their current School Resource Officer (SRO). The letter spoke about Officer Valentine's ability to connect with the students at Southington High School. This is the second correspondence within the last month they have received talking about how effective Officer Valentine is as the SRO.
- Leigh-Anne D'Addario posted on Southington Talks a job well done by Officer Kristie Rochette. D'Addario's daughter was involved in her first motor vehicle accident and officer Rochette did a great job assisting her.

5. Bills Submitted for payment

Commissioner Kalkowski made a motion to approve the bills from November 2020 as submitted. Commissioner DellaVecchia seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

6. Operations Management Report by Deputy Chief Palmieri

a) General Order 600-36 Vice, Narcotics and Organized Crime Investigations

Commissioner Sinclair made a motion to approve General Order 600-36 as submitted by Deputy Chief Palmieri. Commissioner Kalkowski seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

b) Arrest Information Summary & Operations Update

There were 3 alcohol related arrests in November 2020 compared to 8 in November of 2019. In addition, there were 2 drug related arrests in November 2020 compared to 9 in November of 2019.

Brief discussion regarding activity reports from activity over the last 60 days and also according to specific district and year (2017 – present) with respect to most common causes of crashes, commercial robberies, burglaries, thefts of motor vehicles, etc.

Anthony DeFelice from the Southington Police Department's IT Division gave a presentation on the "Neighbors App Initiative" launched by Ring. The Police Department is taking part in the public safety service. Residents can post videos (via Ring or their

own personal surveillance videos) to the Neighbors App about what's happening across Southington. Police can view and comment as well as post safety announcements. (i.e. #9pmroutine). The Police can also request to use a video for crime prevention and investigative purposes. You do not have to own a Ring product to use and/or upload videos to the Neighbors app.

Motion to enter into executive session was made by Commissioner Kalkowski excluding the public and press for the purposes of personnel, contractual and security issues. Included in executive session were Chief Daly, Deputy Chief Palmieri. Commissioner Sinclair seconded. Motion passes unanimously on a voice vote.

Whereupon, The Commission went into Executive Session.

7. Executive Session

The Southington Board of Police Commissioners entered executive session immediately following their regular meeting with the following in attendance in order to discuss personnel, contractual and security issues:

Chairman Verderame, Commissioner Sinclair, Commissioner Triano, Commissioner DellaVecchia, Commissioner Kalkowski and John F. Daly, Chief of Police and Deputy Chief William Palmieri.

No motions were made or votes taken during executive session.

Executive session was adjourned.

8. Regular session

Commissioner Kalkowski made a motion to return to public session. Commissioner DellaVecchia seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Commissioner DellaVecchia made a motion to adjourn the Board of Police Commissioners Meeting. Commissioner Kalkowski seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jodi Apruzzese
Recording Secretary