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TOWN OF NEWINGTON

131 Cedar Street Newington, Connecticut 06111

Police Department



Stephen Clark
Chief of Police

MINUTES
POLICE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Zoom Meeting
7:00 P.M.
September 2, 2020

In Attendance: Chief Clark
Ken Morotto Jr.
Mary Houle
Todd Russell
Paul Alderucci

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Town Clerk

Called to Order at 7:03 PM

I. UPDATE ON DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

A. Staffing

Officer recently assigned to DEA Task Force. The department is in the process of filling one police officer position. A number of interested applicants are certified officers from other police departments.

C. Calls for Service January 1, 2020 to August 31, 2020 compared to same period last year. Total calls were 11,112. Preliminary results show continued increases in crime.

- Breach of Peace **up 17%**
- Burglary **up 18%**
- Domestic Violence **up 22%**
- Larceny **up 14%**
- Car Breaks **up 20%**
- Stolen Cars **up 71%**
- Traffic Stops **down 55%**

D. Activities

The department will be increasing traffic enforcement throughout town focusing on speeding and other dangerous moving violations. On August 31, 2020, 3 officers were assigned to speed enforcement on Cedar Street where a number of violators were stopped and ticketed. The department received a \$30,000 Department of Transportation traffic grant to help fund these details.

II. POLICE REFORMS

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Reviewed the police reforms recently passed by the state legislature and how the reforms will affect the police department financially and operationally.

III. CENTER FOR POLICING EQUITY UPDATE

The department recently had a meeting with the staff from the Center for Policing Equity (CPE) to review the data that has been submitted for analysis. The staff was very pleased with the data that has been provided for analysis. CPE is hopeful to have the report completed sometime around the first quarter of 2021.

IV. HEADLIGHT CLINIC

Discussed the implementation of the headlight clinic. Community Services Officer (CSO) Jaime DeSimone has been working on the logistics. Will schedule a meeting in the near future to plan further.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Sean Bevier

- Commented on the BLM protest and the professionalism of the officers.
- Would like to see the old Cops and Robbers basketball games return as part of the department's community outreach programs.

Mike Johnson

- Spoke about the importance of getting the Zoom link correctly as the link was posted on the town web site incorrectly.
- Suggested changing the name of the headlight clinic.
- Suggested having seasonal sport games between the police and the community to improve police community relations.

Ashlee Kailas

- Building trust in the community is important and should be done both by the department and the community.
- Asked that the police department say positive and proactive to improve relations with the community.

VI. MEMBER COMMENT

Ken Morotto announced his resignation from the council due to relocating out of state. Mary Houle requested posting police activity logs on PD website so residents have more information on department activities.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Stephen Clark