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TOWN OF NEWINGTON

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Police Department



Stephen Clark
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MINUTES
POLICE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Zoom Webinar / Hybrid Meeting
7:00 P.M.
December 7, 2022

In Attendance: Chief Clark
Officer Derrick Walker
Todd Russell
Patricia Mahoney
Mary Houle
Councilor Gail Budrejko
Anastasia Yopp

Patricia Mahoney
Town Clerk
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I. UPDATE ON DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

A. Staffing

The department currently has 4 police officer vacancies. One officer is due to graduate the police academy on December 9th and a second officer just started the academy. Two newly hired officers are slated to start the police academy at the end of December.

C. Calls for Service January 1, 2022 through December 7, 2022.

Total Arrests **800**
Burglary **65**
Larceny **623**
Car Breaks **240**
Stolen Cars **41**
Robbery **22**
Serious Assault **19**
Sexual Assaults **20**
Traffic Stop Attempt- Failure to Stop **106**
Traffic Stops **3,535**

D. Activities

On December 3rd the annual Stuff a Cruiser at Walmart was held at Walmart and again was successful. The police department partnered with Dick's Sporting Goods for Shop with a Cop. Newington youth who participate in town sports and in need of equipment

were given \$100 gift cards to shop with Newington police officers at the store. A pizza party was held at the police department with the kids, their parents, and the officers. This was great event to build relationships with local youth. The department is only one of 45 police department across the country to receive a competitive COPS Grant focusing on training officers in de-escalation tactics. The grant award is for \$68,000.

II. STATE ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS

The passage of the Connecticut Police Accountability Bill requires every police department in Connecticut to become either State or Nationally accredited. The department is currently working toward state accreditation. The first department audit will be done in June of 2023.

III. CENTER FOR POLICING EQUITY REPORT RELEASE

The report is scheduled to be released during the first quarter of 2023. A public roll out will be done with a date being decided in the near future. The department is also working with CPE on developing policies for more equitable policing.

IV. OPIOID OVERDOSES

Since 2015, there have been a total of 58 Newington residents who have lost their lives due to overdose, and 52 of those deaths had opioid involvement.

In 2022, there has only been one overdose death of a Newington resident. There has been a total of 131 Newington residents with opioid-related overdoses that were reported by hospitals or Urgent Care Centers. Officers have administered Narcan in 10 cases.

V. DEPARTMENT TRAINING

The police department recorded approximately 3,000 hours in officer training last year, which is an increase of 800 hours from the previous year. The training division continued to supplement training utilizing the Police One Academy platform. The training division remains focused on firearms proficiency and continued with the training regimen of bi-annual firearms qualifications; with one of these qualifications occurring in a low-light setting also incorporating use of force training as mandated by state legislation. Officers also received mandated training in body worn cameras. All officers are exposed to training in response to active shooting and building clearing. The department began training officers in a new program, "Officer Survival" designed minimize liability in use of force applications and increase officer safety. All officers also received annual training mandated in the House Bill 6004 Police Accountability Legislation. Selected officers attended methods of instruction training to become certified CT POST training instructors in areas such as de-escalation, use of force practices, and firearms. Selected officers were trained and received certification to become Drone Pilots. The department continues to schedule specialized training for members of the Detective Division. These programs include evidence collection and crime scene processing including specialized training regarding Homicide Investigations, Intelligence, Call Record Analysis, and Human Trafficking. Officers involved in the Mid-State Accident Reconstruction Team continued their attendance in monthly training with the regional accident team. The

Emergency Response Team continues to train monthly in tactical operations training. Crisis Negotiators were also training in specialized crisis negotiation practices.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT
None

VII. MEMBER COMMENT
None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT
Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Stephen Clark