

**MINUTES
DARIEN POLICE COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2023**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The 2,463rd meeting of the Darien Police Commission was held on the above date. In attendance were Commissioner Huffard, Commissioner Cunningham, Commissioner Hayes, Chief Anderson, Captain Marron, Captain Hudyma, and Richard LaBella, recording secretary. The meeting was called to order at 1:02 PM.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Commissioner Cunningham motioned to approve the minutes of the meeting held on October 5, 2023, seconded by Commissioner Hayes. All were in favor. The time was 1:03 PM.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

4. DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY

Captain Marron reported the following department activity from October 4 through October 17, 2023:

- On October 6th a 72 year old Stamford man was charged with Creating a Public Disturbance and Simple Trespass after he was observed drinking beer and urinating multiple times on the property belonging to Ox Ridge Hunt Club.
- On October 8th a 21 year old Bronx, NY man was arrested for trying to burglarize a vehicle in the parking lot of 1077 Post Rd.
- On October 10th a 26 year old Norwalk woman was arrested by warrant for Falsely Reporting an Incident using the 911 System during an incident that took place in July.
- On October 13th a 51 year old New York, NY man, a 35 year old Queens, NY man, and a 37 year old Queens, NY woman were arrested for burglarizing numerous vehicles at the Country Club of Darien.
- On October 16th a 53 year old Darien man was arrested by warrant for numerous motor vehicle charges and Interfering with an Officer stemming from an incident that took place in September.
- 1 Domestic disturbance incident.
- 1 incident of check fraud.
- 0 Stolen vehicles.
- 2 burglary incidents of unlocked cars.
- 5 Minor motor vehicle accidents.

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- o 153 Traffic Stops conducted by the Traffic Division and the Patrol Division
- o 51 Burglar and Fire Alarms.
- o 64 Medical Calls.
- o Statewide table top exercise took place in New Canaan yesterday.
- o Cody Harwood-Smith graduated from the police academy and began his FTO program.
- o Staffed Rocktoberfest, the Pumpkin Fair and Chamber Jam without incident.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

See below under Old Business.

6. OLD BUSINESS

Patrol Scheduling: Revisiting the 2019 trial period as approved by the Police Commission.

There were seventeen members from the Darien Police Association present to address this concern. Chief Anderson advised that the one year trial period for the schedule had expired per the agreement between the Commission and the DPA in 2019. The Chief went on to explain that the current schedule allows for no mid management supervision or performance evaluations of sergeants working the 3-11 shift by a lieutenant. Sgt. Jimenez, as president of the DPA, addressed the Commission and requested that the current working schedule remain in place until a properly negotiated solution can be reached. Both the Chief and Commission expressed the fact that they would like to have as many officers working in a schedule that would make them the most happy while still meeting the best needs of the agency. Discussion to continue.

Building Issues Update:

Captain Hudyma reported that there was a drainage back-up in the Men's locker room that needed to be snaked out resulting in a damaged toilet.

The generator parts have arrived and the repairs are scheduled for the week of October 23rd.

The bids are in for the Women's locker room construction, ranging from approximately three hundred seventy thousand to over four hundred thousand dollars. Other options are currently being explored.

Traffic Issues:

Five Mile River Road Survey. Commissioner Huffard would like more time to further examine the situation with extra patrols and possible enforcement. Tabled until next meeting per Commissioner Huffard.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Lt. Moore and Sgt. Dilorio to step 2 in respective ranks effective 10/16/23. Chief Anderson recommended the step increase for both officers. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Huffard, seconded by Commissioner Cunningham. All were in favor. The time was 1:30 PM.

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Darien Men's Association poll about car thefts. Chief Anderson spoke briefly on this topic and requested that it be placed on the agenda for the next meeting, as he would like to have it recorded by Channel 79.

Police Commission schedule for 2024. The Commission approved the regular meeting schedule for 2024, eliminating Jan. 4, July 4, and Nov. 21. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Huffard, seconded by Commissioner Hayes. All were in favor. The time was 1:33 PM.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to be considered, Commissioner Cunningham motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Hayes. All were in favor. The time was 1:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard LaBella, Recording Secretary