

**MINUTES
DARIEN POLICE COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 2, 2023**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The 2,464th 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. Channel 79 was present to record the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 3:02 PM.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Commissioner Cunningham motioned to approve the minutes of the meeting held on October 19, 2023, seconded by Commissioner Hayes. All were in favor. The time was 3:03 PM.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

Nielsen's Florist delivered bouquets on "Petal it Forward Day" 10/18/23. Thank you note sent. Troop 35 Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scout Honors. 4 Congratulatory letters sent. Doughnuts delivered from resident on 10/29/23. Thank you note sent.

4. DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY

Captain Marron reported the following department activity from October 18 through November 1, 2023:

- On October 21st a 20 year old Norwalk man was arrested by warrant for motor vehicle charges stemming from a single car crash he was involved in on September 9th.
- On October 21st two vehicles had their catalytic converters stolen while parked at a Camp Ave. business.
- On October 24th, we received a report of vandalism to the men's bathroom in the Darien Train Station.
- On October 28th a 51 year old Darien man was arrested after it was determined that he permitted the consumption of alcohol by juveniles at his residence.
- Over the past couple of weeks, we've received numerous reports of fraudulent American Express card accounts being opened in Darien resident's names.

- 3 Domestic disturbance incidents, one involving an arrest.
- 4 incidents of check fraud.
- 3 DWI arrests.
- 1 Stolen vehicle.
- 2 Car burglaries.
- 8 Minor motor vehicle accidents.
- 101 Traffic Stops conducted by the Traffic Division and the Patrol Division.
- 50 Burglar and Fire Alarms.
- 47 Medical Calls.
- Our entire sworn staff received Legal Update Training.
- Staffed a night time football game at DHS on 10/27, and a heavily attended college lacrosse game that took place at DHS on 10/28.
- We will be staffing another night football game on 11/3 and also the "Run With The Saints" 5k road race on 11/5.

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- ✓ Pursuit Review Incident # 2023-14160.
- ✓ Pursuit Review Incident # 2023-15005.

Chief Anderson spoke on the above listed pursuit reviews. Both involved vehicles with motor vehicle violations that refused to stop for a police officer who had activated his emergency equipment. In both instances the attempted stop resulted in the officer disengaging per department policy. The first resulted in a crash in Stamford on I95 and was a stolen vehicle. The second was a motorcycle that the officer was able to determine who the operator was, and applied for an arrest warrant.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

See below in section 6.

6. OLD BUSINESS

Darien Men's Association poll about car thefts. Mike Wheeler was present to speak about the recent poll taken by its' members. The membership was in favor of some type of notification when there is an instance of car thefts. Mr. Wheeler brought up the possibility of a Code Red notification. Chief Anderson advised that a Code Red typically is not used in a non-emergency situation. Captain Marron added that it may be possible to have some type of notification limited to a specific street or neighborhood, other than the Code Red.

Building Issues Update:

Captain Hudyma advised that the generator repairs have been completed.

Traffic Issues:

Five Mile River Rd. Based on the recent resident survey, it was recommended by Captain Hudyma that a No Parking 7 AM to 5 PM daily, be posted replacing the current signage. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Huffard, seconded by Commissioner Hayes. All were in favor. The time was 3:28 PM.

Application to replace Bertucci's Restaurant building with a commercial car wash. Management from Cloud 10 Car Wash were present to speak about the proposed project at the 54 Post Rd. location. CEO Brendan Johnson along with attorney Jason Klein and traffic engineer Christopher Mojica explained that the plans involved only one curb cut, making it a true intersection with West Norwalk Rd. The plans also include a traffic signal and crosswalk to be funded by Cloud 10. The company's traffic study has taken into consideration the expansions planned in Norwalk in the near future. The company is scheduled to meet with Planning and Zoning on November 14.

Post Rd. & Corbin Dr. Captain Hudyma reported that a parking hazard existed on the Post Rd. just east of Corbin Dr. Photos were presented showing what appears to be a parking space just west of a fire hydrant and a bus stop that has the potential to cause issues with vehicles making a right turn out of Corbin Dr. onto the Post Rd. Captain Hudyma recommended that the space be eliminated with No Parking signage and yellow curb and road markings put in place. The Commission agreed. Captain Hudyma will contact State DOT with the recommendation.

Hanson Rd. Detour. Captain Hudyma advised that this is a bridge replacement project. According to Darren Oustafine, Assistant Director of Public Works, the plans involve full road closure 24/7 from April 1, through August 2024. Buses will only have one way in and one way out to each side of the bridge, able to turn around on Linda La. and Hummingbird La. All residences will be accessible.

All Night Parking Resolution, 12/01/23 through 03/31/24. No overnight parking on public roadways to facilitate snow removal during winter months. Motion to approve by Commissioner Huffard, seconded by Commissioner Cunningham. All were in favor. The time was 3:56 PM. The Commission advised that this item can be implemented annually without approval.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Gift Fund – Commissioner Hayes. Tabled until next meeting.

Ofc. Natalie Silva's resignation. Effective 11/09/23.

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 3:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard LaBella, Recording Secretary