

**REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
AUGUST 9, 2011
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT**

PRESENT: Commissioners Richard Epstein, Chairman; Cathy Graves; Evelise Ribeiro; Sandra Trevino; Richard Buckholz; Theodore Brooks

Chief Frank Limon: Department of Police Services

Captain Denise Blanchard: Department of Police Services

Captain Joann Peterson: Department of Police Services

Lieutenant Lisa Dadio: Department of Police Services

Michael Wolek: Corporation Counsel

Jim Travers: Department of Traffic and Parking

Bruce Fischer: Department of Traffic and Parking

OPEN SESSION

The meeting was called to order at 5:57, Richard Epstein, Chairman, presiding.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRAFFIC AUTHORITY

Following the regular meeting of the Traffic Authority, Mr. Travers and Mr. Fischer excused themselves at 6:37 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of regular session minutes of July 12, 2011.

**** Commissioner Trevino move approval of minutes of July 12, 2011.
** Commissioner Graves seconded.
** Voting for: Commissioners Brooks, Ribeiro. Graves and Trevino.
** Abstained: Commissioner Buckholz
** Motion passed (4-0-0)**

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

Amendment of agenda to include review and approval of general orders.

Commissioner Trevino makes motion to amend agenda.

Commissioner Buckholz seconds the motion.

Voting for: Commissioners Graves, Brooks, Ribiero, Trevino, Buckholz.

Motion passed (5-0-0)

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Frank Limon

Copies of Chief Limon's monthly report were distributed along with attachments. The following matters were highlighted:

CRIME UPDATE

- Projected stats for July is the first attachment. We show decrease of 5%. Year-to-date, projected crime stats were down 6%.
- Attached is also the audited crime update for April. It shows 2% down. When comparing April, 2010 to April, 2011, it shows a 7% decrease.
- Report regarding non-fatal shootings and homicides. Discussion followed regarding focus on the Hill section and Dwight.
- Safe summer program began in June. Implemented strategies. Again, our area of focus is Hill and Dwight. The Promised Land has also stepped in to assist us.

TRAINING

- Chief Limon was over at the Department of Corrections in Intelligence Unit. The got some briefing and training on what they actually do. That was on July 8, 2011.
- On July 12, 2011, Chief Limon was at the Board of Parole and Pardon Unit and got a briefing in Waterbury to see what they do at their level. This is all part of the prison re-entry initiative that the department wants to look at and model something that we could implement here knowing whose coming out prior to them coming out so we could be made aware what kind of background they have.

DEPARTMENT EVENTS

- There was a tennis program rolled out specifically in Newhallville sponsored by Niagara Bank. They are introducing tennis to the youth in Newhallville.
- NHPD Pal one-day track and field clinic at Wilbur Cross high school was attended by about one hundred kids. Seventy kids are in the PAL program that ended August 5th. Discussion followed regarding implementing more PAL programs.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Chief Limon attended meetings during July. One was City-Wide Management Team Meeting on July 27, 2011.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- The National Night Out is over. It was on August 2, 2011.
- We have a Labor Day race on September 5, 2011.
- There is a Blue Mass at St. Francis Church on September 11, 2011. It is the ten-year anniversary.

ASSISTANT CHIEF REDDING'S REPORT

- The traffic unit has been working on the Safe Summer Program since the beginning of the summertime. So far they have issued since May 1st over 4,000 traffic citations, made 332 arrests, 12 felony arrest, 55 warrants and 700 parking tags. They received only one complaint which was unfounded since they start this operation.
- Chief Redding attended Below the Line re-entry meeting with community members.

ASSISTANT CHIEF VELLECA'S REPORT

- Case load for major crimes, they have 100 major crime investigations so far year-to-date.
- Down about 10 detectives from 61 to 51 right now. Overtime is about 20% of the total overtime expended in the month of July.

ASSISTANT CHIEF ADGER'S REPORT

- Continues to work with the board of education at the New Haven Safety Academy. It's an ongoing project.
- Meeting with the St. Patrick's Day committee.
- Meeting with finalizing the move of I. A. to 200 Orange Street. Captain Blanchard gave an update concerning move.
- **Discussion ensued regarding attending District Meetings.**

RETIREMENTS

- Officer Jonathan Haddad is retiring.
- Civilian: Executive Assistant Cynthia Ematrudo

RESIGNATIONS

- Officer Corey Kozuch resigned effective July 28, 2011.

RECRUITMENT SELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT

- Commissioner Epstein requests Commissioners Buckholz and Brooks contact Kathleen Foster who is the attorney for civil service as interviews will be coming up.
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FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

(Commissioner Ribiero)

- Commissioner Ribiero has copies of budget. I do believe this is year-to-date starting July 1st.
- Only concern I have is education incentive which we've already used 94% of the budget.
- Overtime looks good so far. We used 14% of budget amount.

CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD LIAISON REPORT
(Commissioner Ribiero)

- CRB is meeting this Thursday. Last month's meeting, there were six cases that were assigned to the two panels. This month's meeting, they are inviting one of the officers to the meeting to talk about one of the cases. That would be at the meeting this week.
- There is a new member from Hill South. The Hill South Team selected Ms. Leslie Radcliffe.
- There was discussion about a fundraiser for Shirley Washington who was the former CRB chair. Officer Kelly Turner Coles is doing a fundraiser on September 10th at East Shore Park.
- I sent to all the commissioners the schedule for the management team. Please get back to me to let me know which one you plan to attend.
- Discussion followed regarding the officers attendance at the meeting.

GENERAL ORDERS

(Captain J. Peterson and Captain L. Dadio)

- General Order 224, Use of Cellular Telephones

Commissioner Brooks makes motion to approve amendments.

Commissioner Buckholz seconds the motion.

Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Ribiero, Graves, Trevino, Brooks and Buckholz.

Motion passed: (6-0-0)

- General Order 226, Department Awards

Commissioner Brooks makes motion to approve amendments.

Commissioner Graves seconds the motion.

Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Ribiero, Buckholz, Trevino, Brooks and Graves.

Motion passed: (6-0-0)

(Commissioner Buckholz excuses himself at 7:47.)

- General Order 414, Incidents Involving Elderly Persons

**Commissioner Brooks makes motion to approve amendments.
Commissioner Graves seconds motion.
Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Ribiero, Trevino, Brooks,
Graves.**

Motion passed: (5-0-0)

- General Order 322, Hate and Bias Crime Investigations

**Commissioner Brooks makes motion to approve amendments.
Commissioner Ribiero seconds motion.
Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Ribiero, Trevino, Brooks,
Graves.**

Motion passed: (5-0-0)

- General Order 324, Building Security

**Commissioner Brooks makes motion to approve amendments.
Commissioner Ribiero seconds motion.
Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Ribiero, Trevino, Brooks,
Graves.**

Motion passed: (5-0-0)

- General Order 106, General Orders Manual

**Commissioner Brooks makes motion to approve amendments.
Commissioner Ribiero seconds motion.
Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Ribiero, Trevino, Brooks,
Graves.**

Motion passed: (5-0-0)

- General Order 206, Electronic Mail

Put on hold for legal disclaimer.

- General Order 208, The Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act

Previously approved.

- General Order 214, Basic Recruit Training

Previously approved.

- General Order 216, In-Service Training

Previously approved.

- General Order 220, Planning and Research

Previously approved.

- General Order 422, Patrol Rifles

Commissioner Epstein makes motion to approve amendments.

Commissioner Ribiero seconds motion.

Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Ribiero, Trevino, Brooks, Graves.

Motion passed: (5-0-0)

- Commissioner Brooks makes motion to move into executive session.

Commissioner Ribiero seconds the motion.

Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Ribiero, Trevino, Brooks, Graves.

Motion passed: (5-0-0)

(Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. to begin executive session.)