

**REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
NOVEMBER 9, 2010
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT**

PRESENT: Commissioners Richard Epstein, Chairman; Cathy Graves; Evelise Ribeiro; Sandra Trevino; and Theodore Brooks (6:20 p.m.)

Chief Frank Limon: Department of Police Services

Michael Wolak: Corporation Counsel

OPEN SESSION

Meeting called to order at 6:01 p.m., Richard Epstein, Chairman, presiding.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRAFFIC AUTHORITY

There was no Traffic Authority meeting.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Discussion and Approval of Regular Session Minutes of October 12, 2010

- ** Commissioner Ribeiro moved approval of the minutes of October 12, 2010
- ** Commissioner Graves seconded
- ** Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Graves, Ribeiro, Trevino and Brooks
- ** Motion passed (5-0-0)

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Frank Limon

Chief Limon distributed copies of his monthly report and the following matters were highlighted:

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- The Chief and Commissioner Epstein attended a meeting for Community Dialogue on Creating Community-Police Partnership at Barnard School. The Chief spoke to residents from the Westville, Beaver Hill and Dwight districts. Future meetings are scheduled for December 1, December 2 and December 8.
- Presentation of an award and monetary donation to the family of Trooper First Class Kenneth Hall, who was killed in the line of duty
- Partnerships with area colleges and universities to discuss college students and their relationship with officers in the entertainment district
- Ribbon cutting ceremony at UNH and its Henry Lee Institute state-of-the-art training and law enforcement facility was attended by Chief Limon and Assistant Chief Wheeler
- Parole and Reentry meeting to address concerns. A resource fair was scheduled for November 17th at the Fair Haven substation. There will be discussion regarding housing resources, training resources and other resources which may be available

- Meet and Greet with the President of Gateway College regarding planning for the new college, including parking issues and increase in downtown population
- Swearing-in Ceremony of the new US marshal for Connecticut, Joe Baughman

CRIME UPDATE

- Arrest was made in the homicide from West Division Street
- Several arrests were made in connection to a narcotic operation on Chapel Street

TRAINING

- Chief Limon and Assistant Chief Wheeler attended the IACP Conference in Orlando, Florida
- Due to overtime constraints, vacations and holidays, in-service training ended 2 weeks early. It will resume in January
- Assistant Chief Hensgen is attending an Executive Leadership training program at Roger Williams University. The program covers such topics as national trends throughout the country and media relations
- Detective training, 2-week course started at the University of New Haven
- Four additional motorcycles were added for afternoon coverage

UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 1, 2010 – Community dialogue at the Wilson Library – Washington Avenue in the Hill to meet with citizens from the Hill and downtown
- December 2, 2010 – Community dialogue at St. Andrew's Church – to meet with citizens in Newhall Ville area
- December 8, 2001 – Community dialogue at Fair Haven Library – Grand Avenue in Fair Haven to meet with citizens from Fair Haven and East Shore
- Chief Limon will be reading to a third grade class as part of National reader's week at the Lincoln Bassett School
- New Haven Officers are being recognized by the Connecticut State Police at their annual awards ceremony at state police headquarters. Chief Limon will advise the commissioners of the date via email
- Fair Haven re-entry Resource Fair, November 17, 2010. A flyer will be provided to the Commissioners

MISCELLANEOUS

- There are ongoing meetings with Local 530 twice a month
- Use-of-Force reports are entered into the computer, and the Department is now able to generate reports in a more timely and efficient manner

The Commission requested that the director of the Outreach Workers program be invited to speak to the Commission at the Regular Meeting in December 2010.

CORPORATION COUNSEL REPORT**Michael Wolak, Esq.**

Attorney Wolak reported on current litigation. There have been six new cases opened, two of which were subpoenas for habeas corpus proceedings from inmates, one motor vehicle accident, and three cases where police officers are the plaintiff: One CHRO alleging employment discrimination; one is an officer who is suing for false arrest; the third matter is an employment issue.

Subsequent matters deferred to Executive Session.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS REPORT**Captain Denise Blanchard**

Deferred to Executive Session.

REQUEST TO RETURN TO POLICE OFFICER**Detective Victor Herrera**

Recommended by the Chief.

**** Commissioner Ribeiro moved approval**

**** Commissioner Graves seconded**

Following discussion:

**** Commissioner Ribeiro moved approval effective 11/14/2010**

**** Commissioner Graves seconded**

**** Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Graves, Ribeiro, Trevino and Brooks**

**** Motion passed (5-0-0)**

RETIREMENTS

There were no retirements

RESIGNATIONS

There were no resignations

RECRUITMENT/SELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT**Commissioner Brooks**

Commissioner Brooks reported that the committee met one time, and they will meet again on December 1, 2010. Commissioner Brooks was informed that the commissioners can be part of the selection process and can do interviews.

EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Graves

- Commissioner Graves reported that the male locker rooms are complete.
- Six weeks ago officers' new uniforms were ordered
- There are new computers in the detective bureau
- The policy for rifle issuance is being worked on. Officer Strickland was sent for training
- Civilian Academy graduation is in November
- Next year is the 150th anniversary of the New Haven Police Department, and a commemorative badge is being designed. Officers will be able to purchase their own badge with their name and badge number

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Ribeiro

Commissioner Ribeiro has met with Michael Piasecki, supervisor and acting chief fiscal officer, regarding the overall budget. Of continuing concern is the overtime budget at 66 percent. Commissioner Epstein requested a report on asset forfeiture at the December meeting.

CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD LIAISON REPORT

Commissioner Ribeiro

There was no CRB report.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Request for Reimbursement: Officer Marco Francia, \$100 deductible for damaged cell phone
- ** **Commissioner Brooks moved approval**
- ** **Commissioner Ribeiro seconded**
- ** **Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Ribeiro, Graves, Trevino and Brooks**
- ** **Motion passed (5-0-0)**

CASES TO ASSIGN

- ** **Commissioner Ribeiro moved to amend the Agenda to include Cases to Assign**
- ** **Commissioner Graves seconded**
- ** **Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Ribeiro, Graves, Trevino and Brooks**
- ** **Motion passed (5-0-0)**

082-10-C – Assigned to Commissioner Graves

022-10-C – Assigned to Commissioner Ribeiro

027-10-C – Assigned to Commissioner Ribeiro

- On Wednesday, December 1, 2010, Club Van Dome, 102 Hamilton Street, New Haven, Connecticut, there is a fundraiser for Lieutenant Holly Wasilewski who is fighting breast cancer

- The next Regular Session Meeting will be Tuesday, December 14, 2010, at 5:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- ** Commissioner Brooks moved to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel
- ** Commissioner Ribeiro seconded
- ** Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Graves, Ribeiro, Trevino and Brooks
- ** Motion passed (5-0-0)

The Board entered Executive Session at 6:38 p.m.

- ** Commissioner Trevino moved to exit Executive Session
- ** Commissioner Brooks seconded
- ** Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Graves, Ribeiro, Trevino and Brooks
- ** Motion passed (5-0-0)

The Board exited Executive Session at 6:54 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

- ** Commissioner Ribeiro moved adjournment
- ** Commissioner Brooks seconded
- ** Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Graves, Ribeiro, Trevino and Brooks
- ** Motion passed (5-0-0)

The Board adjourned the Regular Session Meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda O'Neill