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# TOWN OF NEWINGTON

131 Cedar Street Newington, Connecticut 06111

## Police Department



Stephen Clark  
Chief of Police

**MINUTES**  
**POLICE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Newington Police Department**  
**7:00 P.M.**  
**March 4, 2020**

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*Stephen Clark*  
Town Clerk

**In Attendance:** Chief Clark  
Gloria Olesen  
Ken Morotto Jr.  
Alison Bongioranni  
Paul Alderucci  
Peter Gagnon  
2 Members of the Public

Called to Order at 7:01 PM

I. UPDATE ON DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

A. Staffing

The department has been trying to hire 3 police officers over the last 6 months for vacant positions. No qualified applicants have been found. The department is now running a continual recruitment process in hopes of finding qualified applicants. A Public Safety Dispatcher position is opening up with a retirement slated for July 2020.

C. Calls for Service as of March 1, 2020

Assaults: 3  
Burglary: 5  
Domestic Disturbance: 55  
DUI Arrests: 16  
Larceny: 112  
Car Breaks: 28  
Stolen Cars: 9  
Traffic Accidents with Injury: 18  
Traffic Accidents with No Injury: 176  
Criminal Arrests: 153  
Traffic Stops: 675

D. Activities

The police department will be facilitating an Active Shooter Table Top Exercise with the VA Hospital Police, Newington Public Safety, Town Officials, and VA Hospital Officials on March 16, 2020. The training exercise is intended to test the VA Hospital and the Town of Newington response to an active shooter incident.

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The department received a \$12,000 traffic grant from the Connecticut Department of Transportation for distracted driving. The high visibility enforcement will run from April 1, 2020 to April 30, 2020 and again from August 1, 2020 to August 15, 2020.

II. POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET

The department has completed its annual operating budget, which goes before the Town Council on March 17, 2020. The budget has already been reviewed by the Town Manager and Finance Director.

III. CONNECTICUT TRUST ACT

Falls under Public Acts 19-20 and 19-23, which provides guidelines for how Connecticut police departments cooperate with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

IV. RAISED BILL 267 - AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DEPARTMENT OF CIVILIAN JUSTICE TO INVESTIGATE POLICE OFFICERS

The proposed bill establishes a State Civilian Justice Commission that will investigate police officer misconduct. The commission will have the authority to terminate and discipline police officers.

V. CLEAN SLATE BILL – AUTOMATIC ERASURE OF CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS

The proposed bill calls for the automatic erasure of criminal convictions for low-level felony convictions and all classes of misdemeanor convictions after a period of time.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VII. MEMBER COMMENT

None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Stephen Clark