TOWN OF NEWINGTON
131 Cedar Street Newington, Connecticut 06111
Police Department

MINUTES
POLICE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Newington Police Department
7:00 P.M.
September 4, 2019

In Attendance: Chief Clark
Ken Morotto Jr.
Robin Aldieri
Paul Alderucci

Called to Order at 7:05 PM

I. UPDATE ON DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES
A. Staffing
Two recruit officers currently training at the police academy and are scheduled to graduate at the end of September. One certified officer, who transferred from another police department, currently in field training. Two officers on light duty. A new Public Safety Dispatcher, who is currently certified from another police department, was hired and will start on September 9, 2019.

C. Calls for Service as of August 31, 2019
   Assaults: 28
   Burglary: 33
   DUI Arrests: 78
   Larceny: 374
   Car Breaks: 112
   Stolen Cars: 31
   Traffic Accidents with Injury: 73
   Traffic Accidents with No Injury: 753
   Criminal Arrests: 536

D. Activities
Citizens Academy scheduled for the fall and RAD training will continue. Thank you letter from CSO DeSimone was shared with members thanking PCC for helping at National Night Out.
II. SCHOOL SAFETY
Each school has an emergency operations plan. Police Department attends lock down drills at each of the schools. Officers have immediate door access to schools when needed for an emergency.

III. CRIME STATISTICS
Always be cautious on how social media outlets use crime data in an effort to determine how safe a community is. Larceny and shoplifting is the most reported crime in Newington and drives the local crime rate. Newington has very little violent crime.

IV. PISTOL PERMIT PROCESS
Discussed permit process and how background checks are completed on potential permit holders. Also discussed how appeals are done before the Connecticut Board of Firearms Permit Examiners.

V. HARTFORD COURANT FOI REQUEST-SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY & OFFICER DISCIPLINE
On July 30, 2019, the department received a Freedom of Information request from the Hartford Courant for a copy of the department’s social media policy and disciplinary records for employees violating the policy. The Hartford Courant was provided a copy of the policy and advised there has been no policy violations.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT
None

VII. MEMBER COMMENT
None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT
Meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Stephen Clark