

**DRAFT**  
**MINUTES**  
**DARIEN POLICE COMMISSION**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**SEPTEMBER 19, 2016**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The 2,316<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Darien Police Commission was held on the above mentioned date at Police Headquarters. Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Huffard, Chief Lovello, Captain Anderson, Captain Osborne, Sgt. Johnson and Jan Lesko (Recording Secretary) were present. Commissioner Joyce was not present. The meeting was called to order at 5:03 PM.

**2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Huffard motioned to approve the minutes of the meeting held on August 29, 2016, seconded by Commissioner Johnson. All were in favor. The time was 5:05 PM.

**3. CORRESPONDENCE**

A thank you note received from a resident of Overbrook Lane in regards to the Department's response to the speeding issues on that road was reviewed.

**4. DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY**

Chief Lovello reported the following noteworthy activity:

- Last night there were a number of motor vehicle burglaries in the neighborhood of Lake Drive, Phillips Lane, and Georgian Lane. A short foot pursuit with potential suspects took place with a Stamford Police K9 team assisting with a track that was not successful. The vehicles had been left unlocked.
- Officers Mulcahy and Skoumbros are currently in Bremerton, Washington for the field testing of the Department's new SAFEboat patrol marine unit. The boat is scheduled to be shipped by truck on September 28<sup>th</sup>.
- An arrest was made of an 18-year old who was found in a garage on Inwood Road.
- A subject who is a fugitive from Idaho was arrested this week in Cherry Lawn Park.
- A teenager from Bridgeport was arrested after being found in a car on Allwood Road.
- The Darien High School Open House on Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> ran extremely smoothly with the implementation of a new traffic plan.
- K-9 training is underway with a Chocolate Lab for narcotics detection; the Commission will discuss the possibility of adding a second K-9 at a future meeting. The K-9 Unit is funded by revenue from the False Alarm fund.

Sgt. Johnson reported:

- In response to recent terrorist incidents, more frequent high visibility patrols of train stations, shopping areas, schools, and trash receptacles are taking place.

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

Traffic Evaluation – Noroton Avenue at Park Place

Capt. Anderson reviewed the traffic evaluation of Noroton Avenue at Park Place which was

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conducted by Michael Galante of Frederick P. Clark Associates, Inc. Their findings indicated that vegetation on Noroton Avenue to the extreme south of Park Place should be trimmed back to accommodate better sight lines from Park Place south on Noroton Ave. The report also recommended against any additional stop signs but offered that intersection warning signs could be installed.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

### Recommendation for Commendation – Officer Edwin Vigil

Chief Lovello endorsed a Recommendation for Commendation for Officer Edwin Vigil. On August 2, 2016 Officer Vigil established a line of communication via text messages with a female who appeared intent on harming herself. Officer Vigil was able to determine the caller's location and she was subsequently located and transported to a hospital. The Police Commission recognized Officer Vigil's actions as exemplary.

### Recommendation for Commendation – Sgt. Hudyma, Officer Benedetto, Officer Taggart

Chief Lovello endorsed a Recommendation for Commendation for Sergeant Alison Hudyma, Officer Greg Benedetto, and Officer Kevan Taggart for their heroic efforts in rescuing an unconscious elderly male from the bottom of a swimming pool on August 15, 2016. He was revived but unfortunately passed away approximately 24 hours later. The Police Commission recognized the actions of these officers as exemplary.

### Cops & Kids Adventures – Staffing

Chief Lovello advised, with the concurrence of the Police Commission, that Officers James Martin and Dan Ehret will be assisting with the 2016-17 Cops & Kids Adventures program.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business to be considered, Commissioner Johnson motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Huffard. All were in favor. The time was 5:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Lesko  
Recording Secretary