

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
33 LAUREL STREET
BRANFORD, CONNECTICUT 06405-3644
MINUTES OF MEETING: February 10, 2025

Commissioners Present:

Commissioner John Sousoulas
Commissioner Patty Austin
Commissioner Janice Heggie-Margolis
Commissioner Christine Ciociola
Commissioner Valeria Wiel-Wilkins
Commissioner Robert Nash

Also present was Chief Mulhern.

The meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Sousoulas.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Commissioner Austin to approve the minutes from January 13, 2025. Seconded by Commissioner Nash. Vote unanimous.

Approval of 2025 Traffic and Commission Schedule: Location Change. Motion made by Commissioner Wiel-Wilkins to approve the meeting location change to the Community Center. Seconded by Commissioner Austin. Vote unanimous.

Report of the Chief:

Chief Mulhern provided copies of the Monthly Statistical Report from January 2025. Slight decrease in motor vehicle theft. There is a group that has been very active targeting business community. Family Violence is down slightly. Drug overdoses are down a little bit.

Personnel overview: Chief Mulhern reported that Dispatched Stine is leaving, and the position has been posted. Michael Smith has been promoted to the Crime Analyst position. Officer Steve Crowley is retiring. He anticipates that one officer will be submitting retirement soon. No certified police officers in the queue. One entry level candidate is proceeding through the process. Hope to bring the candidate to the commission at next month's meeting.

Chief Mulhern provided a copy of the January 2025 Training Synopsis.

Equipment: Chief Mulhern reported that the delivery of the new drone has been delayed is expected to be here by the end of the month. A new truck has been received and will be on the road in the next couple of weeks. The truck will be out on patrol and will carry a variety of equipment. The Axon Contract expires in June, one of the departments largest contract. They

are looking at the contract carefully and considering adding additional features and services such as AI reporting capabilities in certain circumstances, translation services, live features, etc.

Letters of Recognition included: Branford Police Department and Officer Richardson.

Building Renovation Update: Chief Mulhern reported that they're very busy the Patrol Division moved to Fire Headquarters January 17, 2025. Administrative Staff is scheduled to move on February 18 and 19. He noted that there is limited parking at Police Headquarters and encourages the public to call ahead for assistance. Demolition is in full scale. The Public Building Commission voted to remove the slab due to the water issues and high salt content at their meeting held on January 27. Dispatch will need to be removed temporarily for a period of 3 days. They are looking noise canceling/abatement options for the dispatch center while the construction is happening.

Report of the Chair – no report

Citizens Comments – none

Motion made by Commissioner Austin to adjourn the meeting at 6:01 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Ciociola. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trista Milici, Clerk