



# EAST HAVEN DEPARTMENT OF POLICE SERVICES

471 NORTH HIGH STREET • EAST HAVEN, CONNECTICUT 06512

Mayor Joseph Maturo, Jr.

Honorable Board of  
Police Commissioners

## HONORABLE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 28, 2018 AT 7:00 PM

471 NORTH HIGH STREET

EAST HAVEN, CT

**COMMISSIONER(S) PRESENT:** Chairman William Illingworth, Commissioner Joseph DiSilvestro, Commissioner Dawne Flynn, Commissioner Eduardo Torrealba, Commissioner Paul Carbo

**ALSO PRESENT:** Chief Edward Lennon, Deputy Chief James Naccarato, Lieutenant Patrick Tracy, Sergeant Benjamin DeCrosta, Citizens, ETV Videographer

Chairman Illingworth called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Moment of Silence
3. Roll Call – Clerk Maldonado; quorum obtained
4. Announcement(s)
5. Consider and act upon the approval of the regular monthly meeting minutes of June 26, 2018

Commissioner DiSilvestro made a motion to accept and approve the regular monthly meeting minutes of June 26, 2018 as received; seconded by Commissioner Torrealba. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Consider and act upon the approval of the monthly reports (July and August)

Commissioner DiSilvestro made a motion to accept the monthly reports as received; seconded by Commissioners Flynn and Torrealba. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Consider and act upon Committee Reports & Recommendations

- a. Alarms Committee
- b. Supernumeraries Committee
- c. Traffic & Public Safety Committee

8. Public Comment

- a. Linda Abbott (53 Laurel Street) – Speeding and stop sign violations on Laurel Street continue. Motorcycle groups racing and doing wheelies down Laurel Street on Sundays. Nothing seems to be done about it. Normal traffic exceeds 50 mph. Difficulty getting out of driveway. Trucks are totally out of control. “No thru truck” sign near golf course further down on Laurel Street has disappeared.

Waiting for something horrible to happen. We need more police officers – we do not have enough. Very frustrated. Asking for resolution.

Chairman Illingworth commented that he had been on Laurel Street earlier in the day and did not witness any speeding, traffic violations, landscapers, trucks, motorcycles, etc.

- b. Stephen T. Roberts (192 Thompson Street) – Pursuant to his letter, voicing complaints of neighbors about traffic and safety concerns in the Thompson Street, Foxon Hill Road, Charnes Drive areas in particular. Would appreciate any appropriate action. Proposed making the intersection of Foxon Hill and Thompson Street a three-way stop to slow traffic and discourage use as a cut-through.
- c. Councilwoman Judy Esposito, 3<sup>rd</sup> District (3 Zolan Drive) – Pursuant to her letter, numerous complaints about the traffic on Foxon Hill Road. Trailer trucks should not be using this road as a shortcut to avoid Quinnipiac Drive and Route 80. Difficulty getting out of driveway – very dangerous. Request for “No Thru Trucks” sign on New Haven side.

Chairman Illingworth proposed notifying retailers along Route 80 to ask their distributors not to use Foxon Hill Road as a cut-through.

Chief Lennon stated that we do more traffic enforcement on Laurel Street than any other street in town and he is not sure how he can commit any more resources to this area. Traffic enforcement happens at various times throughout the day and speeders are not capping out over 50 mph despite perception. Regardless, we are taking enforcement action when we do stop cars and will continue to monitor Laurel Street as much as we can allocate manpower.

Foxon Hill Road does not give many locations to be able to do enforcement because it is a windy, difficult road to be on. We do a decent amount of enforcement on Charnes Drive and Foxon Hill Road at stop signs in particular.

On Laurel Street, we will look into what happened to the “No Thru Trucks” sign. Also, EHPD cannot control when the CT DOT issues truck permits as the cut-through. We do not have the authority to overrule the DOT. Even so, landscape trucks and trailers do not fall under the statute – even if they are on the roadway, we cannot take any enforcement action against them.

Commissioner Carbo commented that GPS directs travelers down these roads and unfortunately, we may not be able to overcome this very easily as trucks do not pay attention to signs.

Commissioner DiSilvestro addressed Ms. Abbott directly to assure her that we hear her and acknowledge that our responses may not be satisfactory to her liking. He further stated we have limited resources to go around – East Haven is a big small town – however, the amount of personnel we have is appropriate for the size and population of the town.

Commissioner Carbo commented with respect to the motorcycle/ATV issue that while he served on the Town Council they enacted a bill to be able to confiscate motorcycles/ATVs. Due to public safety, our officers cannot chase them into the woods. Deputy Chief Naccarato further explained that our patrol vehicles are equipped with video so if we see it, we can review the footage to try to identify/prosecute the perpetrators.

## 9. Correspondence Received/Sent

- a. Stephen T. Roberts (192 Thompson Street), dated July 25, 2018 – Residents of this area are concerned about the high volume of traffic at certain times of the day, speeding, and non-adherence to posted stop signs at intersections. Particularly concerned about the potential impact of new driveways in dangerous areas with a history of accidents going back many years.

- b. Councilwoman Judy Esposito, 3<sup>rd</sup> District (3 Zolan Drive), dated August 8, 2018 – Complaints about large volume of traffic traveling along Foxon Hill Road. Great deal of large trailer trucks using this road as a shortcut instead of Route 80 and it is becoming extremely difficult to exit driveways along this road.
- c. Victor Colella (38 Laura Lane), dated August 3, 2018 via email – Commercial trailer trucks causing bad traffic conditions and property damage on residential street due to one-way on Charter Oak Avenue. Request to re-erect a traffic sign at the bottom of Charter Oak Avenue at the Burr Street intersection that indicates NOT A THRU STREET – ONE-WAY AHEAD.

Commissioner Torrealba made a motion to defer these requests to the Traffic and Public Safety Committee for further review and recommendation; seconded by Commissioner DiSilvestro. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 10. Department Updates (Chief Lennon)

##### a. Personnel Matters

##### b. Injured Employees

Five (5) sworn personnel out on injury/medical leave to include three (3) SWAT members from the May 2 incident in North Haven. There is no update on a return to duty date.

##### c. Overtime

Overtime is on par with same time period for FY1718. No concerns at this time.

##### d. Awards & Commendations

##### e. Noteworthy News

#### 11. Old Business

#### 12. New Business

Commissioner DiSilvestro made a motion to add policies 203.5 (Addressing Bias-Based Policing) and 502.4 (Securing and Handling Arrestees in the Station) to the agenda under 12.a.; seconded by Commissioner Torrealba. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

- a. Discussion and approval of new and revised policies effective September 15, 2018: 101.3 (Written Directives Template); 103.3 (Body Armor); 303.4 (Incident Reports and Review); 309.2 (Employee and Equipment Inspection); 403.3 (Response to Calls for Service); 414.4 (Motorized Pursuits); 443.1 (Motorist Assistance); 447.1 (Emergency Notification); 805.1 (Records); 701.3 (Towing of Vehicles); 203.5 (Addressing Bias-Based Policing) and 502.4 (Securing and Handling Arrestees in the Station)

Lieutenant Tracy explained that most of the policy changes are administrative in preparation for our CALEA accreditation onsite assessment scheduled for October 22-24, 2018. Once the policies are effective, we can show proof that we are complying. Although DOJ and CALEA standards are somewhat aligned, we are seeking to meet CALEA standards to obtain our accreditation. He further recognized Officer Bisette who is assigned to the CALEA project and has done a tremendous amount of work.

Commissioner DiSilvestro made a motion to approve the abovenoted new and revised policies effective September 15, 2018; seconded by Commissioner Flynn. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Interview and consideration of candidate for promotion to Detective (Executive Session)

Commissioner DiSilvestro made a motion to conduct the interview of the Detective candidate in executive session with the Board, Chief Lennon and Deputy Chief Naccarato; seconded by Commissioner Carbo. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously. Executive Session commenced at 7:31 PM.

Candidate Officer Robert Brockett went in to executive session at 7:32 PM and exited at 7:36 PM.

Commissioner Carbo made a motion to conclude executive session; seconded by Commissioner Flynn. Public session resumed at 7:41 PM.

Commissioner Flynn made a motion to promote Officer Robert Brockett to the rank of Detective effective September 10, 2018; seconded by Commissioner Carbo. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Interview of Police Officer – Grade C Certified Lateral Transfer Candidates (Executive Session)

Commissioner Torrealba made a motion to conduct the interviews for Police Officer – Grade C certified lateral transfer candidates in executive session with the Board, Chief Lennon, Deputy Chief Naccarato and Lieutenant Tracy present; seconded by Commissioner DiSilvestro. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously. Executive Session commenced at 7:42 PM.

Candidate George Gerosa went in to executive session at 7:47 PM and exited at 7:55 PM.

Candidate James Lindene went in to executive session at 7:57 PM and exited at 8:07 PM.

Commissioner Torrealba made a motion to conclude executive session and return to public session; seconded by Commissioner Flynn. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously. Public session resumed at 8:11 PM.

Chairman Illingworth addressed the candidates saying that neither should be disappointed or feel slighted in any way should they not be selected this evening because this is a progressive moving department and we always seem to have openings.

Commissioner DiSilvestro made a motion to extend an offer of employment to George Gerosa for the position of Police Officer – Grade C effective September 18, 2018; seconded by Commissioner Flynn. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Request Police Officer – Grade C Certified Lateral Transfer list from Civil Service Commission

Commissioner Torrealba made a motion to request a Police Officer – Grade C certified lateral transfer list from the Civil Service Commission; seconded by Commissioner DiSilvestro. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Adjournment

Commissioner DiSilvestro made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Torrealba. Chairman Illingworth adjourned the meeting at 8:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha M. Maldonado  
Clerk to the Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

*[Audio recording on file]*