



**Police Commission Meeting  
January 20, 2022, 6:30 p.m.  
Via Videoconference**

**Present:** Commissioner Dan Torres, Commissioner Esi Lewis, Commissioner Alex Baer, Commissioner Julie Seyfert-Lillis, Chief Rob Lucchesi. **Absent:** Commissioner Neil Bettez.

At 6:30 p.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Torres to open the meeting with the pledge. Seconded by Commissioner Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Agenda:** A motion was made by Commissioner Torres to adopt the agenda as written. Seconded by Commissioner Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Presentation-Gavin T. Walters Sr. & Jessica Bugbee-Vet2Vet of Ulster County:**

Mr. Gavin and Ms. Bugbee spoke about the Hudson Valley National Center for Veteran Reintegration and the programs and support services available to Veterans.

**Public Input:**

-Maggie Veve spoke about the recommendation from the NPPRRC regarding the development of an emergency services chaplaincy program.

-Tom Jelliffe questioned the Citizen's Advisory Board update agenda item.

Chief Lucchesi thanked Woodland Pond for its' donation of at-home COVID test kits to the NPPD.

**Monthly Report-December 2021:**

Commendations (4):

1. A compliment form was received for Officers Halstead and White, thanking them for being helpful and comforting during a situation where keys were locked in a vehicle.
2. A letter was received thanking Officers Kraus and White for helping resolve an incident at a residence.
3. A letter was received for Det. Sgt. Sutton thanking him for his assistance during a difficult situation.
4. A note of appreciation was received for the Department as a whole.

Defensive Actions (2):

1. Attempted Assault 2<sup>nd</sup>, CPW, Unlawful Imprisonment, Menacing, Harassment (2 Counts), Resisting Arrest, Criminal Mischief
2. No Charges filed-investigation continuing

Training- New members completed most certifications

At 7:03 p.m. Commissioner Bettez arrived.

**Citizen's Advisory Board Update:**

Tabled

**Recommendation of the NPPRRC: As a means of caring for the officers of the NPPD, every officer should receive, at minimum, one hour per month of counselling. In the aftermath of a traumatic event or use of force, this support should move from monthly to weekly, at the recommendation of the mental health professional. We realize that many officers may choose to endure rather than avail themselves of these services. However, we are optimistic that they will realize the concern that undergirds it and in time the practice will be normalized and embraced:**

Chief Lucchesi feels this is a great recommendation, however, there are obstacles with mandating training. He will work with the PBA on how to implement this program. The current policy requires officers to attend EAP following certain circumstances.

**Recommendation of the NPPRRC: Continue efforts already under way to develop an emergency services chaplaincy program. The committee recommends that these efforts continue, as this would afford ongoing and consistent emotional support and care, available at all times for officers:**

Chief Lucchesi indicated that the goal is to provide emotional support in the immediacy of an event. This is not meant to replace mental health professionals or long-term counselling.

**Executive Session:**

At 7:21 p.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Bettez into executive session to discuss personnel with the Chief. Seconded by Commissioner Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 7:34 p.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Bettez to come out of executive session with no action taken. Seconded by Commissioner Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 7:35 p.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Bettez to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosanna Rosenkranse  
Town Clerk