



**Police Commission Meeting
March 18, 6:30 p.m.
Via Videoconference**

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

At 6:32 p.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Bettez to open the meeting with the pledge. Seconded by Commissioner Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

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

Announcement:

Supervisor Bettez indicated that the Board has not received anything from the New Paltz Police Reform and Reinvention Committee yet. When the report is received, it will be posted on the website.

Chief Lucchesi indicated that the First Annual report has been posted on the website. He thanked Highway Supt. Chris Marx with his assistance after the PD ran out of heating oil. The vaccine site at the Fairgrounds opened today.

Executive Session:

At 6:37 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to go into executive session to discuss matters of personnel with the Chief. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 7:23 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to come out of executive session. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Public Input:

Edgar Rodriguez indicated that he sent the draft NPPRRC report to the Board and that it is posted on the website.

Tanya Marquette indicated that a few months ago her group sent Chief Lucchesi a list of questions that they wanted to discuss about Policing. Now that the draft report is done, they would like to discuss those questions with him.

Presentation-New Paltz Opioid Prevention Response Team:

Phoenix Kawamoto, Town Community Education Coordinator, Jackie Cirello and Jim Tinger discussed the organizations that comprise the team and how the team has evolved over the years. They presented statistics on the following:

- Fatal vs Non-Fatal Opioid Overdoses in Ulster County, 2018-February 2021
- Opioid Fatalities by Substance Involvement in Ulster County, January-February 2021
- Total Opioid Overdose (Fatal and Non-Fatal) in Ulster County, by Region of County, Jan-Feb 2021

Accreditation on-site inspection report and revisions:

Chief Lucchesi indicated that due to COVID, this year the inspection by DCJS was focused solely on evidence. The report from the Accreditation Council reflected some revisions that need to be made to the PD's policy. One change is that it needs to be *stipulated in the policy* that evidence needs to be secured in storage prior to the end of the shift. Also, when submitting evidence to a lab, a list of exams to be performed needs to be included. Lastly the policy needs to include the method of destruction for drugs. These revisions have been made and the revised policy has been circulated. The PD is slated for reaccreditation in 2023.

Update on transmission of IBR statistics to DCJS:

Chief Lucchesi indicated that due to a software glitch with the County's RMS, the PD's 2019 and 2020 data is not available, however it is available through DCJS. The County is working to get their system fixed, but until then, Sgt. Lewis and Sgt. Quigley will continue to work with DCJS to resolve any errors prior to submitting data sheets through the integrated portal.

Monthly Report-February 2021:

-On April 1st, SIPU will become the Office of Special Investigations (OSI), and they will be tasked with investigating police UOF as well as certain misconduct pursuant to legislation passed in June 2020.

NPPD policies have been revised to reflect the new legislation.

Commendations (3)

1. A Thank You card was received for Officer Kraus for his assistance during a situation with 2 drivers while they waited for the State Police, that occurred in 2020 outside of NPPD jurisdiction.
2. A call was received for Officer Kraus and Officer Carpinelli from the same individual for their assistance with housing needs and some mental health issues that he was experiencing.

Defensive Actions (2)

1. Criminal Mischief 3rd, Criminal Mischief 4th, Petit Larceny, several V&T Violations
2. Resisting Arrest, Making Graffiti

-Chief Lucchesi indicated that they are no longer allowed to report to the FBI on a monthly basis. Instead, the Federal Government gets its data directly from the NYS DCJS, which is who the PD sends its UOF reports to.

- Chief Lucchesi indicated that Detective Judge and Officer Kraus created a Department Training Bulletin that was sent out to members debriefing a recent incident involving Rochester PD and the pepper spraying of a 9-year old child during a domestic violence incident.

-Lt. Butler participated in and completed the Standard and Advanced Daigle Law Group Internal Investigations Courses.

At 8:18 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