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A regular meeting of the Stamford Police Commission was held on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at 5:00pm at Stamford Police Headquarters.

Present at the meeting were Commissioners Fedele, Bass, and Aveiro. Chief Shaw, and Assistant Chief Conklin.

Meeting was called to order at 5:00pm

Review of Minutes: Minutes from the December's meeting was accepted and approved.

Employee Performance Recognition: FTO are with the newly graduated police officers and training with their respective officers.

Commissioner Awards: Next month we would like to present a Commission Award to Elysia Ring-Howell who has consistently demonstrated exceptional dedication and motivation by participating in our ceremonial events and singing the national anthem with a ceremonial elegance that enhances these occasions. Her unwavering availability and commitment to this role exemplify a strong sense of community and service.

Comments from Public:

Personnel Update: SPD is in the process of collecting applicants. We are doing a civil service test from every two years to every month now with the Police App. We have 90+ candidates so far, usually 10-15% usually make it through to become a police officer. We plan on starting our 2nd Academy this May. We are hoping to hire at least 20 officers this year. We have 268 on active payroll. We are budgeted for 287.

Administrative & Operations Report: We have had 57 minor complaints for 2024.

Use of Force for 2024 are as follows, please note, some stats are not in yet and numbers are subject to change:

TOTALS for Year 2024
Take Downs = 78
Strike Hand = 23
Strike Feet = 6
Impact Weapon = 2 (1-Shield) (1-Spike Strip)
OC Spray = 0

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40mm Launch = 0
Taser = 25 (19-Laser Only) (6-Deploy)
Firearm = 55 (54-Point Only) (1-Neg.Discharge)
PP/Control = 99
Restrain = 5

NOC Squad – Focusing on Smoke and Vape shops. Working with Atty General Office. Doing spot checks. Closed 7 of the 8 shops. We seized almost 5,000 illegal THC products. \$15,000 in cash. This was one of the biggest communities needs that we accomplished. Press Release to follow.

Homicide arrest from the 2023 holiday party where victim was stabbed and succumbed to his injuries. 2 arrested were made right away from the assault. Bond was made and subject fled jurisdiction to CA. Through technology we tracked him down in CA, called him and had him lured to the local precinct to sign something to get his property back where the local precinct arrested him, and we are sending out 2 of our officers for the extradition.

Stabbing at Rose Park where 6 individuals set upon a man, using swords, spears, the man came close to dying. EMS did a tremendous job and saved his life along with the help from Stamford hospital. We apprehended all including the ringleader who was in MD. We will be extraditing him from MD as well.

Large PCP arrest. Violent 50 y/o offender with a lengthy criminal history. 13,000 dosages in liquid PCP.

Community Engagement: SRT drove around in the bear cat with Mr. and Mrs. Clause and handed out around 150 gift bags to children. Officer Daly stepped up and gave a quilt to a 100 y/o Vet who unfortunately passed 2 days later but the family was blow away from the kindness.

Our social media pages have taken off tremendously with views and followers. Our Facebook has well over 20,000 followers and only getting bigger. The city calls us to put stuff on our page. Our social media team has really stepped up.

Warming Centers are throughout the city and locations are listed online. Our PAL building is included.

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Old/New Business: Lt. Jim Comstock is retiring at the end of the month. Sgt. Chris Felman-Merced is taking his place.

Promotions will be held on January 15th for a Lieutenant and 2 Sergeants.

Submitted,

Michael Fedele

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Chairperson

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