



Community and Police Partnership (CAPP) West Sector



Captain David Ridberg
Lieutenant Gary Honulik

Minutes of Meeting January 23, 2007 4:30 pm, Town Hall

Attendees: Captain David Ridberg
NRO Hirsch

Sue Frano advised Capt. Ridberg she was retiring from CAPP.

December incident, arrest and citation statistics were distributed.

STEP report from December was discussed.

DIRECTED ENFORCEMENT

Reported back on areas identified by CAPP:

- Steamboat Road – early morning illegal stopping/standing near #613.
 - Five visits – one ticket issued.
- Richland Road @ Byram Road – cars violating turn restriction
 - Six tickets issued.
- “Kamikaze” bike delivery from Glory Days Diner
 - NRO Hirsch met with owner.
 - To be evaluated.
- Railroad Avenue pizza delivery double-parking
 - Not yet addressed.

NEW TARGETED ENFORCEMENT

- After a review of Caroline Place and Valley Drive traffic counter data, it is apparent that speeding near car dealerships continues to be a significant problem.
- Capt. Ridberg is requesting traffic counter data for Prospect Street and Edgewood Avenue.
- NRO Hirsch will oversee a concerted effort of speed enforcement through the month of February.

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- Enforcement of three-way stop signs at Holly Hill and St. Roch's Avenue.

NEW BUSINESS

- Capt. Ridberg will arrange to have P/O Donnell Fludd contact Dave Rabin to assist in recruiting youths to participate in BANC football. P/O Fludd is familiar with many youths who participated in his flag football league.

GPD BUSINESS

- GPD was second in State in DWI arrests (ranked first last year).
- First Selectman Lash is submitting the GPD budget request, and it does not include funding for School Resource Officers.
- Funding for traffic lights has been budgeted so that some traffic officers can be reassigned to patrol duties. This will be a lengthy process due to State permitting requirements.
- Current Town predilection is to try to reduce staffing.
 - Capt. Ridberg reviewed last twenty years of GPD showing that GPD went from at least 14 patrol officers per shift to the current 11, although call volume is 30% higher now than in 1985.
 - CAPP offered to write a letter to the editor resisting cuts. This will be discussed further.

NRO REPORT

NRO Hirsch discussed apparent reduction in graffiti and absence of any gang graffiti. He spoke on gang issues learned at a recent seminar. Advised on descriptions of two suspects wanted for a mugging on High Street in mid-December. GPD has some leads.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 20, 2007, at 4:30 p.m. in the Mazza Room at Town Hall.

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