



Community and Police Partnership (CAPP) West Sector



Chief David Ridberg
Lieutenant Gary Honulik
Sgt. Michael Reynolds
NRO Keith Hirsch

Minutes of Meeting August 6, 2007 5:00 pm, Town Hall

Attendees: Mr. David Elliott
NRO Hirsch
Lt. Gary Honulik

Old Business

- Three additional graffiti artists have been arrested.
- David C. Ridberg was formally sworn in as Chief of Police as of July 1, 2007.
- Closing arguments in Lt. Gary Honulik's lawsuit were heard on July 2, 2007. We are anticipating the judge's ruling by Labor Day.
- GPD is experiencing manpower shortages throughout the summer months. Officers are holding up well through the extra shifts.
- Youths on Greenwich Avenue have not posed as much of a problem compared to past years.

New Business

- A July 4th property line dispute at 176 Byram Shore Road escalated to aggravated assault with shovel, plus weapons (handguns) charges.
- Byram Shore Road area is experiencing a rash of larcenies from vehicles during overnight hours. Suspect is a Port Chester resident with history of this type of crime (photo displayed).
- Byram Shore Park fence bent (towards field).
- It was suggested that DO NOT BLOCK THE BOX signage and highway markings be installed on East Putnam Avenue @ Milbank Avenue to facilitate left-hand turns onto Milbank. NRO Hirsch will work on this with Traffic Engineering.
- School year begins August 29th.
- Introduced K-9 Officer Mike Macchia and "Tyro." Officer Macchia gave a presentation which included an outdoor demonstration.

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- Range demonstration followed by Simunitions shooting will be offered to CAPP members. Those interested will be scheduled for mid to late August.

Town Issues

- SRO program has been approved by the Board of Education and First Selectman Lash. GPD is funding the salary this year; cost to be shared next year.
 - Five candidates were presented to the BOE. P/O Carlos Franco was appointed as GPD's first GHS SRO. Carlos is a ten-year veteran and speaks three languages.
 - P/O Terral Hardy will also be trained as an SRO and will provide back-up as necessary.
 - All SRO officers to be trained by National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO).
 - Sgt. Reynolds has been appointed SRO Supervisor and attended training in mid-July to manage the program.
- The Coalition Against Underage Drinking will now be coordinated through the NRO office under Sgt. Reynolds' supervision.

Next meeting date to be announced.

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