



Community and Police Partnership (CAPP) West Sector



**Minutes of Meeting August 22, 2006
4:30 pm, Town Hall**

Attendees: Captain David Ridberg
 NRO Zuccerella

Captain Ridberg distributed Statistics (arrests, incidents, citations) for June and July. He also gave out data collected by traffic counter on Hamilton Avenue.

OLD BUSINESS

- Reviewed Ron Brien's draft letter in support of SRO's. Unanimously decided West CAPP would send the letter to BOE Chairman Colleen Giambo, Superintendent Betty Sternberg, GHS Headmaster Al Capasso and First Selectman Jim Lash.
- Capt. Ridberg to ascertain information from follow-up meeting re: Summer Fest.
- Capt. Ridberg to discuss with Mr. Lash elevated walkway on Western Junior Highway. At last months' Selectman's Parking & Traffic Committee meeting, the selectman had indicated that Garo Garabedian, Traffic Engineer, would estimate costs for the walkway. Some traffic calming measures have already been put in place according to Laura Kelly.

OLD BUSINESS

- Based on traffic complaints, Capt. Ridberg will have traffic counters placed on Caroline Place.
- Rob Roina inquired about process for closing Hamilton Avenue for a potential St. Roch's festival/Block Party. He will discuss with planners and submit request to Chief's Office.
- Ron Brien made a request for Capt. Pacewicz to come and speak to CAPP regarding his FBI Academy experience.
- Capt. Ridberg will review accident data from Steamboat Road at Greenwich Plaza exit. Ron Brien and Dave Elliott frequently observed vehicles encroaching on the roadway prior to exiting the parking lot.

NEW PROJECTS

- Capt. Ridberg discussed the fact that GPD anticipates being shorthanded from now until the next two to three years and broached the subject of reassigning officers from Greenwich Avenue to two-shift walking beats. There was much discussion on the matter along with ideas as to how to implement changes. Capt. Ridberg said it was politically untenable for the town to unilaterally make the change, and he requested that CAPP members discuss the possibility with friends, neighborhood groups and any other people they deem appropriate. Capt. DCR will supply data on cost savings and reasons for the reassignment.

Next meeting will be held Tuesday, September 19, 4:30 p.m., Mazza Room, Town Hall.

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