

TOWN OF NISKAYUNA

POLICE and PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Held: April 6, 2023 3:30 pm

Attendance: Councilmember Brennan (Chair), Supervisor Puccioni, Chief Jordan Kochan, Lieutenant Joseph Twitty, Lieutenant Todd Frenyea, Town Clerk Michele Martinelli, Town Attorney Finan, Judge Scagnelli, Judge Swinton, PBA Representative Relation, FD1 Chief Lingenfelter, Comptroller Greenwood, Seth Goldstein, Janet Wynne, Jean Foti

Other Attendees:

Minutes: Motion to accept March 2, 2023 minutes 2ND by Motion passed? Y/N

Operations: STOP DWI and GTSC initiatives continue to be deployed for traffic enforcement—U Drive, U Text, U Pay campaign April 3-10th.

Mandatory Certification (EXC 846-h): Professional Policing Act of 2021—Standards 9.1 and 12.1—compliance certification completed with DCJS as of 03/22/2023.

Incident 193281: On January 31, 2023, Officers from the Niskayuna Police Department investigated a reported armed home invasion occurring at Hillcrest Village Apartments. The investigation into this incident was led by Detective Paul Daly. In the ensuing days and weeks, Det. Daly was able to establish the positive identification of one of the individuals, and secured the subsequent arrest of Zaijohn Van Hoesen for his alleged role in this incident on March 15, 2023. Thank you to all officers involved in this investigation, but especially Det. Daly for his hard work and dedication.

NPD officers continue to assist with crossing guard details.

Det. Munger is working to create a Niskayuna Vulnerable Person registry through Police Department website.

Impounds and towing—Multiple tow agencies requesting they be put on towing schedule.

Fleet/Equip: BWC project is nearing completion, with all officers trained.

AED(s) are being priced out through Stryker Medical.

Two new NPD bicycles have arrived and are ready to be deployed—donated by Jahnel Group.

Building: Parking lot lights—Charlie Bergami has been working to fix this.

Training: NPD continues in service training on Defensive Tactics, as well as De-escalation and minimizing Use of Force training through Police One Academy.

Officers Powell, Hemerding, and Guest will be attending Alert training (active shooter course) 04/13-04/14.

Officer Breslin will be attending EVOC Train-the Trainer course 05/01-05/11.

Officer Maura will be attending the NASRO Course (National Association of School Resource Officers) 04/10-04/14.

Officer Daoust is progressing through Field Training.

Citizen Correspondence:

Ongoing:

Larry Bostwick—requesting the committee look into the possibility of a crosswalk on Balltown Road to connect pedestrian traffic from Hexam Road West to the east side neighborhood. (ongoing)—email sent to Laura Robertson for complete streets to review.

New: N/A

Town Events:

Coffee with Cop:

Senior Center: Chief Kochan will be hosting this the 3rd Tuesday monthly.

Target Starbucks: Sergeant Christopher Henry will be hosting this on April 11th at 1pm.

Drug Take Back Day April 22, 2023—thank you to DEA and NCAP for continued support in this program.

Peddle, Paddle, Run event May 13, 2023.

Niska Day May 20,2023.

Town Clerk:

Dangerous dog contract (ongoing)-- Montgomery Co SPCA shelter

Court Issues: N/A

Fire Departments: N/A

School District: Ongoing discussions with District Safety Team regarding installation of Knox Boxes for key access (ongoing).

“Niskayuna Cops N’ Kids Reading Program” continues in elementary schools.

Bus Patrol—public hearing called for on proposed local law—this local law will enable the Niskayuna School District and Town of Niskayuna to have technologies installed on school buses to catch violators who pass the buses when the red light stop arms are engaged, and subsequently fine the violator.

Personnel: NPD is canvassing the new Civil Service for July class at Zone 5 (ongoing)

NPD continues to review potential lateral candidates.

Other: 2024 GTSC grant applications.

2024 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership grant application.

Resolutions:

2024 GTSC grant applications.

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Executive session: Motion by 2nd by : Motion Passed Y/N

Adjourn: Motion by 2nd by : Motion Passed? Y/N

The next meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2023 at 3:30pm.

Meeting adjourned PM

