

# TOWN OF NISKAYUNA

## POLICE and PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

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:** Councilmember Moskowitz

**Minutes:** Motion to accept March 2, 2023 minutes JB 2<sup>ND</sup> EG 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 3-10<sup>th</sup>.

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.

Chief Kochan stated this was a mandatory certification, and demonstrates NPD work towards accreditation by meeting these two standards which are required for potential accreditation.

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.

Chief Kochan stated committee needs to continue to work with our school district to look into more crosswalk signage.

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

Chief Kochan stated the previous software utilized by department had limitations, so in house program being developed.

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

Chief Kochan and Town Attorney Finan are going to work on developing a process for application to be on towing schedule.

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

Lt. Frenyea reported that outfitting of new patrol camera system is completed for all patrol cars.

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

Chief Kochan stated the quote for 4 AEDs is \$8459.12, and documentation has been sent for finance approval. Chief Kochan stated these will be the same AEDs that are being purchased by the Niskayuna Parks and Recreation.

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

Chief Kochan again thanked the Jahnel Group for this donation, and thanked Lt. Frenyea for putting the bicycles together.

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

Chief Kochan stated Charlie Bergami has fixed the lights, and will continue to monitor it.

Chief Kochan stated Seth Goldstein is working to upgrade the camera system.

**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 EVOG 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.

Chief Kochan stated NPD is going to continue to look at building a community engagement officer with school district.

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.

Chief Kochan stated this request has been forwarded to complete streets and Laura Robertson for any potential follow up.

New: N/A

**Town Events:**

Coffee with Cop:

Senior Center: Chief Kochan will be hosting this the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday monthly.

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

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

Lt. Twitty reports this event will be held from 10am-2pm. Chief Kochan reminded everyone we also have drug take back boxes in town hall during business hours and also in the NPD vestibule 24/7.

Peddle, Paddle, Run event May 13, 2023.

Niska Day May 20,2023.

**Town Clerk:**

Town Clerk Michele Martinelli reports the online payment for dog licenses is going well with 54 online renewals to date.

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

Chief Kochan stated Montgomery Co SPCA is requiring an \$8000 for annual retainer, with \$50 per day for each animal. Chief Kochan stated conversation is continuing with Director of facility. Councilmember Brennan suggested we consider the Saratoga Co SPCA to see if they have availability.

**Court Issues:** N/A

**Fire Departments:** ~~N/A~~

Chief Lingenfelter stated NFD 1 and NFD 2 will be conducting water task force exercise at SCC. Chief Lingenfelter stated ongoing discussions with school district and NPD to organize annual active shooter training. Chief Lingenfelter extended thanks to NPD department personnel who assisted with fire call on Dean Street, and helping the resident.

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

Chief Kochan stated the district is making purchase, and then will need to install boxes.

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

Lt. Frenyea reports readings currently at Hillside Elementary. Chief Kochan stated ongoing positive feedback from community and schools regarding program.

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.

Chief Kochan explained program and process, and stated this technology would give more coverage for safety of our students. Chief Kochan stated the school district has given positive feedback about potentially adopting program. Chief Kochan thanked Town Attorney Finan for quick work on putting public hearing and local law together to be proposed.

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

Chief Kochan stated the police class will begin at the end of June this year.

NPD continues to review potential lateral candidates.

**Other:** 2024 GTSC grant applications.

Town Attorney Finan stated that a resolution for application is not necessary due to this not being a matching grant.

2024 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership grant application.

**Resolutions:**

~~2024 GTSC grant applications.~~

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Executive session: Motion by 2<sup>nd</sup> by : Motion Passed Y/N

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

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

Meeting adjourned 3:57 PM

