



TOWN OF MONROE

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES

Regular Meeting – September 21, 2022

The Monroe Board of Police Commissioners held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, September 21, 2022, at 7 p.m. in the Monroe Police Department Training Room.

Present: Chairman Michael Vitello
Commissioner Daniel Hunsberger, Vice-Chairman
Commissioner Edward Deak
Commissioner Ronald Villani
Commissioner David Geismar

Also Present: Chief Keith White

ROLL CALL

Chairman Vitello opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and noted that all *Board* members were present this evening.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

There was then a moment of silence for the wounded and fallen Officers this past month.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION TO APPROVE

Motion: E. Deak

MOTION TO APPROVE the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 20, 2022

Second: D. Geismar

Discussion: *Commissioner Hunsberger* felt Tattoo Policy topic in the minutes ended abruptly and believed there was more discussion. *Commissioner Hunsberger* stated that he believed it was discussed with the *Chief* that if the Union presented a new request with different language, the *Chief* would be willing to discuss it. *Commissioner Deak*, *Commissioner Villani*, and *Commissioner Geismar* did not recall that information, and stated that the Motion was to keep the Policy as is. *Commissioner Hunsberger* agreed to this, and stated the Motion was correct, but wanted to make it known that the discussion occurred. *Recording Secretary Teresa Guerra* will be reviewing the recordings to confirm this information and present it at next month's meeting. The Minutes will be approved; however, the topic will remain on the agenda until next meeting.

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no Public Participation this evening.

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

Chief White was in receipt of a letter dated August 6, 2022 from a resident who wanted to thank *Officer Dos Santos* for his quick response to a medical call. The resident wanted to thank the department and gave a \$200 donation the Monroe Police Union.

The Chief was in receipt of an email from Newtown Savings Bank dated July 13, 2022 thanking *Officer Larkin* for responding to a bank alarm. It was stated that *Officer Larkin* was extremely professional, friendly, and went above and beyond.

Chief White was in receipt of a forwarded email dated August 17, 2022 from Connecticut Police Chiefs Association. The original email was sent to *Senator Kelly* informing him how *SRO Boucher* recorded a PSA as part of an effort to promote school safety. The CPCA thanked *Chief White* and *SRO Boucher* for the participation.

Chief White received an email on August 23, 2022 from *Chief Michael Lombardo* of the Trumbull Police Department. *Chief Lombardo* wanted to thank the Monroe Police Department for their mutual aid on Rt111 and Technology Drive. Trumbull had a fatal motor vehicle accident, and the deceased was part of a car club. The car club planned a large motorcade at the intersection with 400-500 cars arriving on Monroe Turnpike. The scene commander in Trumbull stated that there was no reckless behavior and all parties dispersed within an hour due to the amount of officer on scene.

Chief White received an email from a resident stating that his vehicle was stolen. The resident stated that when he called the department, *Dispatcher Steven Comeau* was most helpful and handled the call in a caring and professional manner. *Officer Cascante* then responded to the residence who was also professional and caring. The resident stated the *Dispatcher Comeau* and *Officer Cascante* are a great reflection of the Department and the Chief's leadership.

Chief White stated that there was a \$50 Vazzy's donation to an officer thanking him for his service while handling their stolen vehicle. *Chief White* explained individual officers are not allowed to take gratuities, but in the past meals were bought for an entire shift. *Chief White* stated he would be allowing the collective shift to put the \$50 towards a meal.

Chairman Vitello stated that the Board never received a letter of retirement from *Sergeant Peter Howard*. The *Chief* explained that there was no letter, *Sergeant Howard* sent a short email stating when his last day would be. It was a very short notice once he had a definitive date.

CHIEF'S REPORT

ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAM MEASURES:

Detective Division

Commissioner Deak noticed that in the August monthly report, the Detective Division closed out 14 cases. *Commissioner Deak* is questioning what exactly it means to close the case. The *Chief* explained that depending on the case, it can be closed out several different ways such as noted in the report. *Commissioner Deak* is requesting the *Chief* put a number of cases to each closed category.

PROJECTS

Commissioner Deak noted that in both monthly reports that *Lieutenant Sweeney* was still working on the webpage, and was wondering how complicated it was to be taking this long. *Chief White* explained that there is approval for everything before the webpage goes live. He continued that the department provides the content of the page, and then the Town's IT Department puts everything together.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Commissioner Deak stated the TRIAD Fraud Awareness speech was at the Senior Center on September 20th. *Commissioner Deak* asked if the department was publicizing events for seniors who are not involved in the senior center. The *Chief* said the Department does not put information out because TRIAD and the Senior Center promote those events. The *Chief* continued that the event was well attended and was completely full.

TRAINING

Commissioner Deak noted that *Officer Wood* completed her Field Training quite quickly. *Chief White* stated that *Officer Wood* and *Officer Dos Santos* both adjusted to our Department very quickly and are doing a great job.

LAKE ZOAR AUTHORITY

Commissioner Deak asked if the Lake Zoar Patrol was straight time or overtime, and how officers were selected to work the shift. The *Chief* explained that it is the extra duty rate that is paid for by the Lake Zoar Authority. The officer has to be State certified with a State Boating Certificate in order to be on the lake for patrol. Lake Zoar patrols are split between Monroe, Newtown, Southbury, and Oxford Police Departments.

EVENT OF INTEREST

Commissioner Deak noted the controlled movement at the schools and that he was not notified of the lock down. The *Chief* explained that it was a non-event for the actual schools. There was an email sent out in collaboration with the Town and Board of Education, however it was sent out by the Board of Education to the parents of the students. The *Chief* continued that nothing took place at any of the schools.

PROJECTS

Commissioner Deak questioned if we were paying for the electronic signs from the UConn School of Engineering, Transportation Institute. The *Chief* explained that we are not paying for them, and they were both a grant. The *Chief* explained that one is working and UConn is troubleshooting the second one.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEWS/INVESTIGATIONS

Commissioner Hunsberger asked what the complaint was in regards to. The *Chief* stated that it was a closed review about an officer's demeanor.

ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAM MEASURES:

Patrol Division

Chairman Vitello asked if patrol officers respond to the hospital with an individual during a psychiatric call. The *Chief* explained that it depends on the situation, and there are times where an officer will accompany the patient and EMS in the ambulance for everyone's safety.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Chairman Vitello asked if Tip-A-Cop would be occurring this November like in previous years. *Chief White* explained that *Sergeant Howard* planned this event, so he is unsure if it will be happening this year. There are a group of Community Resource Officers and he will touch base with them.

Commissioner Hunsberger asked if there was a location yet for Coffee with a Cop. *Chief White* stated that a location is still being discussed, but as soon as he finds out he will pass it along to the *Board*.

EVENT OF INTEREST

On the August monthly report, *Commissioner Deak* was wondering if there were any updates on the Rite Aid robbery. The *Chief* stated that evidence was sent to the lab, and all items are still pending. The Department does not have a time frame on when anything will come back. *Commissioner Villani* asked if there were any upgrades to Rite Aid's security measures. *Chief White* stated he does not believe so, as they would likely have to put a complete barrier up to prevent this type of crime.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Building and Equipment: *Commissioner Geismar* stated that everything was status quo. The *Chief* wanted to add that he received a phone call today from Ford and the waiting lists are now canceled. The new list has an approximate \$8,400 per vehicle increase and has no expected delivery time. The *Chief* states that he plans to speak with the *First Selectman* regarding the increases and possibly reallocate the Department's older vehicles to other departments in Town like we have done in the past.

Budget and Overtime: *Commissioner Villani* reported that it is very early in the year, and we are in good shape.

Personnel and Labor: *Commissioner Hunsberger* stated everything is going well and has not heard of any issues. The *Chief* stated that we have one opening because of *Sergeant Howard's* retirement but it has not been posted. The *Chief* continued that there is another opening in Dispatch because one of the dispatchers resigned. The *Chief* stated that job is currently posted with a closing date of October 21, 2022. *Commissioner Deak* asked why this person resigned and why he wants to stay on as a part time dispatcher. *Chief White* explained that he was a great worker for the Department, and he resigned to continue his dispatching career with the State Police for more money.

Rules and Regulations/Public Relations: *Commissioner Deak* stated that it came to his attention of the revised Use of Force protocol for the State. *Chief White* stated that the content hasn't changed but the way you submit the information and the timeliness has changed. The *Chief* explained there would be one cumulative Use of Force form sent through email, now it will be signed electronically and sent after each incident. *Commissioner Deak* was wondering if the *Chief* had a copy of a report that the *Board* can take a look at. The *Chief* said he may be able to print off a blank form and provide it to the *Board* for reference. *Commissioner Deak* is requesting a summary report of previous years as well, which the *Chief* will supply.

Town Council Liaison: *Chairman Vitello* stated he advised the Town Council of the promotion of *Sergeant DeCarli*, the success of the Night at the Park, and the next promotion.

The *Chief* agreed with *Chairman Vitello* and stated the Night at the Park was a huge success. The biggest turn out the Town has seen in all previous years. It came to his attention later, that the neighborhoods surrounding the park were overwhelmed with traffic because of it. The *Chief* continued that he brought this to the Town's attention because the 200th year anniversary for the Town is coming up and there are events planned to celebrate. *Chairman Vitello* asked if the vehicles parked on side roads were ticketed. The *Chief* stated that the only time they are ticketed is if there was a violation, such as being within 25 feet of a stop sign.

COMMISSIONER'S FORUM

Commissioner Villani wanted to thank the Chiefs of Police, Officers, staff, and also commissioners that he has worked with over the last 28 years. He continued that his appointment is expiring on October 13, 2022, and this will be his last commissioners meeting. *Chief White* stated *Commissioner Villani* will be missed, and that he was one of the first faces he met when he was hired at the Monroe Police Department 27 years ago.

Commissioner Deak was questioning the location and hours of the Police Range on Garder Road. He continued that he can hear what sounds like automatic fire are his residence. The *Chief* stated that the Police Range has minimal use now that other towns have their own ranges. *Commissioner Deak* stated that he can mostly hear the fire on Sunday mornings. The *Chief* stated that the range is not used on Sundays, and the noise is most likely coming from the Fairfield County Fish and Game, which is located on Hammertown Road. *Commissioner Geismar* and *Commissioner Hunsberger* stated that there is a lot of shooting at the gun club on Sundays.

Chief White wanted to advise the *Board* that Region 1 wants to create an indoor shooting range, and are looking at building this behind the Newtown Police Department. The *Chief* continued that there is a cost per person, and a large buy in. He stated that there is an \$84,000 buy in for the Monroe Police Department and then a yearly fee after that. The *Chief* wanted to make the *Board* aware that he declined this offer, as

it is expensive and Monroe already has a Police Range. The *Board* was in agreeance with the *Chief's* decision.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Promotional Process—Consideration and action upon the Chief's recommendation for Sergeant.

At this time, *Chief White* explained that the retirement of *Pete Howard* has created a Sergeant opening. We have an active list from previous meetings, and the current top candidate is *Officer John McAulay*. *Officer McAulay* is scheduled to attend the First Line Supervisor school next week. *Chief White* would like to recommend *Officer McAulay* as the next Sergeant upon completing the school. *Commissioner Hunsberger* asked the *Chief* if he had any apprehension with this promotion. The *Chief* stated that once he has attended the school, he is good with it. *Commissioner Hunsberger* then asked if the *Chief* wanted to wait until next month's meeting, which the *Chief* stated that he would like to promote him after completion of the course, which would be the beginning of October. *Chief White* explained that *Officer McAulay* is one of our K9 officers, and that will have to be addressed when he is promoted.

MOTION TO PROMOTE

Motion: D. Hunsberger

MOTION TO PROMOTE Officer John McAulay upon completion of school and Chief White's approval

Second: D. Geismar

ROLL CALL VOTE

Commissioner Geismar: **AYE**

Commissioner Villani: **AYE**

Commissioner Deak: **AYE**

Commissioner Hunsberger: **AYE**

Chairman Vitello: **AYE**

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

b. Route 110 Traffic Study Conclusion

Chairman Vitello believes that something else should be done on the State DOT level. *Chief White* explained that it has to be an engineering issue, not driver behavior issue in order for the State DOT to make any other repairs. The *Chief* continued that there have been several modifications throughout the past 20 years. The UConn study gave their conclusion to the State DOT, and it shows the intersection is a driver behavior issue. Because there is no engineering problem, the State will end their involvement. The *Chief* advised the *Board* that the *First Selectman* would like him to present this study to the *Town Council* upon being accepted by the *Board*. The *Board* does not feel comfortable accepting at this time, and would like to continue the discussion at next month's meeting.

MOTION TO TABLE

Motion: D. Hunsberger

MOTION TO TABLE the Route 110 Traffic Study Conclusion.

Second: R. Villani

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

c. Sharing Agreement of Police Radio Systems with Trumbull Police Department

The *Chief* explains that he thinks it is a great value, especially since we have had more incidents where our departments have worked together. Step one is to get dispatch to talk to each other. It will be a channel on the dispatch radio console. Once the console is tested, the next level will be mobile units.

MOTION TO ACCEPT

Motion: E. Deak

MOTION TO ACCEPT the Sharing Agreement of Police Radio Systems with the Trumbull Police Department

Second: D. Geismar

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

NEW BUSINESS

a. Future of K9 Program

Chief White explained that the Department has had two K9s for approximately 12 years. The use of K9s in Police work has decreased because of the Police Accountability Act and the legalization and decriminalization of certain narcotics. K9s are still useful for searches, clearing buildings, missing persons, etc. The *Chief* stated that he has given *Lieutenant Sweeney* the task of doing research to see what other departments are doing with their K9 Programs with the new laws. The research will also include finding out which dog breed is best suited for the Monroe Police Department. The *Chief* reported that he does not believe it is beneficial to have two K9s at the Monroe Police Department and should be reduced down to one K9. *Chief White* continued that *K9 Murphy* will be retiring shortly after the promotion of his handler, *Officer McAulay*. The Department will then have *K9 Riggs* on the road with *Sergeant DeCarli*. *Chairman Vitello* asked if *K9 Riggs* is on the road with *Sergeant DeCarli*. The *Chief* explained when he is doubled with another Sergeant on duty, as he can't commit to a track if he has to take control of a scene as Sergeant. A discussion continued on what breeds there are and what the capabilities and training each can have. *Chairman Vitello* stated that the Future of the K9 Program will stay on the agenda under unfinished business until *Lieutenant Sweeney's* report is finished.

Commissioner Hunsberger asked how *Captain Smith* was doing in Louisville. *Chief White* explained that he is doing really well and working hard.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the Regular Meeting was adjourned by ***unanimous consent*** at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Guerra, Recording Secretary
Board of Police Commissioners

**TOWN OF MONROE
POLICE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE**

TO: Board of Police Commissioners
FROM: Chief Keith White
SUBJECT: July Monthly Report
DATE: August 17, 2022

ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAM MEASURES:

Patrol Division:

- Criminal Arrests: 20 Individual criminal charges filed
- M/V accidents 31 collisions

- Issued: 57 motor vehicle infractions
25 written warnings
20 misdemeanor motor vehicle summonses
00 parking ticket
03 DUI arrests
01 Narcotics
04 Psychiatric/ EMS

Patrol Division officers responded to 17 Domestic/Family Violence incidents in June, resulting in 06 arrests. The previous month had 07 Domestic/Family Violence arrests.

Traffic safety - Officers were assigned to 113 Directed Traffic Details during the month in response to citizen concerns and/or identified problem locations and offenses.

Prisoner Watch: Personnel performed 15 hours of prisoner watch for the month.

The total monthly calls for service were 1706.

Detective Division:

- Received 13 cases from Patrol
- Initiated another 04 investigations
- Cleared 02 cases by arrest
- Closed 10 cases, including computer crime, death investigation and robbery
- Submitted 05 arrest warrant applications to court
- Received and/or executed 11 search and seizure warrant
- Initiated 13 pistol permit applicant investigations
- Executed no Ex-Parte Orders for the month
- Laboratory transports 02
- Background investigations 02

Department-Wide Warrant Activity:

- 05 arrest warrants served
- 04 FTA (Failure to Appear) or Violation of Probation warrants executed

DIGITAL FORENSICS:

Internal Work

MPD 22-7683

Details: 1 cell phone for an overdose death investigation

Status: Complete (07-2022)

MPD 22-10723

Details: 1 cell phone for a larceny investigation

Status: Complete (07-2022)

External Work

MPD 22-10173 Ansonia PD 22-8377

Details: 1 cell phone for a narcotics investigation

Status: Complete (07-2022)

MPD 22-4045 Danbury PD 9084

Details: 1 cell phone for a narcotics investigation

Status: Complete (03-2022, waited on GK update))

MPD 22-4046 Danbury PD 7896

Details: 1 cell phone for a narcotics investigation

Status: Complete (03-2022, waited on GK update)

PROJECTS:

Lieutenant Sergeant Michael Sweeney continues preparations of a curriculum and related logistics for the implementation of a Citizens Police Academy (Fall/Winter 2022).

Lieutenant Sergeant Michael Sweeney continues to update our web page. This will remain a work in progress as he seeks to implement additions that are compliant with the towns desired formatting.

Two new electronic traffic control signs were received from the UCONN School of Engineering, Transportation Institute. One of the signs on east Maiden Lane is malfunctioning. It was retrieved by UConn to trouble shoot and will be reinstalled when repaired.

Support Services has been assigned to conduct a staff study on the use of K9's here at the Monroe Police Department. This will include an exploration of the various breeds used in police work and how they may or may not benefit the department.

The long-term traffic study of the intersection of Wheeler Road at Shelton Rd (RT110) has been completed. A copy of the report has been submitted to the local traffic authority (police commission).

COMMUNITY SERVICES:

There was one child safety seat installation/inspection during the month of July.

Thanks to our many community sponsors, the Night at the Park was a successful event again this year. Attendance was well above normal and created a short-term parking issue in the nearby neighborhoods.

Upcoming Planned events

There are currently no scheduled events. The Community Resource Officers are beginning to plan for the fall of 2022. This will again include coffee with a cop, local food drive and toy collection.

TRAINING:

July 18th- July 22nd Ofc. Michael Thompson attended **Basic Interview and Interrogation** hosted by POSTC. This course offered hands on training through practice exercises for proper interviewing and interrogation procedures.

July 25th– July 29th Ofc. Michael Panza and Ofc. Jessica Legen attended **FBI Defensive Tactics Training** hosted by the FBI. This course was held at Harding High School in Bridgeport CT. The course built upon the basic fundamental movements of Jiu Jitsu as well as other ground and multiple officer control takedowns. The course demonstrated proper methods to achieve control of a combative person.

Department Training

Emergency Response Team – July 5th - July 8th, attended by Captain Smith, Sgt. Johnson, Ofc. McAulay, Ofc. Johnston, and Ofc. Phillips. This was held in Quantico, VA at the FBI Academy. The training was a joint training and observation of the FBI Special Tactics Team.

July 13th and July 21st – Two separate training days in Westport CT attended by Captain Smith, Sgt Johnson, Ofc. McAulay, Ofc. Johnston and Ofc. Phillips.

Crisis Negotiator Team- July 21st- Ofc. Franzago and Officer Twohill attended the training which was held at a location in Westport, CT.

Dive Team – July 28^h and 29th attended by Ofc. Silkman, Ofc. Ebert, and Ofc. Johnston held at the Easton Reservoir.

K9 Training- July 26th Danbury, CT – Ofc. McAulay and Ofc. DeCarli attended the monthly training.

Field Training- Ofc. Wood began her Field Training on July 11th and completed it July 31st.

Communication Center

Discussions about radio equipment in Jockey Hollow Station being moved to new ARX tower have taken place between Norcom and the tower company. The new tower and shelter have been installed.

Animal Control Unit:

The department of Agriculture Animal Control unit completed their inspection of the Monroe Animal Shelter. Our ACU was issued two warning notices:

22-336-16 PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS: Interior & exterior walls, concrete or cement block

22-336-21 LIGHTING: Minimum of 8 hours, 30-foot candles

Police Academy

No recruits in the current academy

Lake Zoar Authority - Lake patrols have commenced for the summer season and multiple shifts have been filled by the Monroe Police Department.

STAFFING:

Ofc. Caitlin Wood has completed field training and is assigned to patrol

Captain Smith prepared division commanders for his absence starting on August 8, 2022. He is attending the Southern Police Institute Administrative Officers Course with an expected graduation of November 11, 2022.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEWS/INVESTIGATIONS:

One new citizen complaint was received during the month of June

Event(s) of Interest:

On July 13, 2022 at 1540 hours officers were dispatched to Rite Aid at 508 Monroe TPKE for the report of a robbery in the pharmacy. The complainants and witnesses stated four males wearing dark hooded sweatshirts and masks entered the pharmacy and demanded the narcotic's safe to be opened and all of the narcotics inside be placed in bags brought by the suspects. Once the safe was emptied, the suspects stole select prescription medications from the unsecure shelves inside the pharmacy. They then fled the scene in a black sedan. It was later determined they fled North of Monroe Turnpike. The detective division is actively investigating this case with several leads.

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DIGITAL FORENSICS:

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MPD 22-11678

Details: 1 cell phone for a narcotics investigation

Status: Complete (08-2022)

External Work

MPD 22-12493 Danbury PD 22-13173

Details: 1 cell phone for a narcotics investigation

Status: Complete (08-2022)

MPD 22-11752 Portland PD 21-47846

Details: 1 cell phone for an arson investigation

Status: Complete (08-2022)

MPD 22-11983 Seymour PD 22-6431

Details: 1 cell phone for a suicide investigation

Status: Complete (08-2022)

PROJECTS:

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The TRIAD Fraud awareness prevention speech; featuring MPD detectives and AARP, September 20th at 11am at the Senior Center.

Coffee with a Cop is currently being planned for early October.

Our Community Resource officers are working on establishing a Faith & Blue workshop with the various religious communities here in town.

TRAINING:

August 8- August 12th: Ofc. Franzago and Officer Cascante attended **Peer Support for Law Enforcement** hosted by POSTC. This course was held at the CT Police Academy in Meriden, CT. This course offered educational and situational training through practical exercises for peer to peer counseling and peer support.

August 15-November 11th: Captain Smith is currently attending SPI Administrative Officer course held at the University of Louisville (Louisville, KY).

August 20th : LT. Corrone, Sgt. Ramalhete, Sgt. DeCarli, Sgt. Johnson, Ofc. McAulay, Ofc. Johnston, Ofc. Panza and Ofc. Phillips attended Active Shooter/Hostile Event Program held at St. Jude's School (707 RT111). The course was sponsored by Monroe EMS and conducted by ASHE/TECC. The course offered practical situational training for critical incidents/Active Shooter by adding and inserting EMS for casualty treatment and extraction.

August 22– 24th: LT. McKellick, Sgt. Johnson, Sgt. Ramalhete, Ofc. McAulay, Ofc. Andreozzi and Special Officer Collins attended **EMR re-certification** hosted by the Waterbury PD. This course was held at the Waterbury PD Training Academy Waterbury, CT.

Department Training

Emergency Response Team – August 10th: Held at Monroe PD Range. Attended by Sgt. Johnson, Ofc. McAulay, Ofc. Johnston, and Ofc. Phillips.

August 24th: Held in Trumbull, CT. Attended by Ofc. Johnston and Ofc. Phillips (Sgt. Johnson and Ofc. McAulay were at EMR re-cert).

Crisis Negotiator Team- No training in August.

Dive Team – August 25th attended by Ofc. Silkman Training held in Trumbull, CT.

K9 Training- August 9th and August 25th, Danbury, CT – Ofc. McAulay and Ofc. DeCarli attended both trainings.

Field Training- Currently no field training taking place.

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STAFFING:

Sgt Peter Howard has officially retired from the Monroe Police Department.

Sgt. Ramalhete continued as Patrol Sergeant but prepared his work station/office and equipment for the transition to Administrative Sergeant on 09/01/2022

August 29, 2022- Dispatcher Ramos submitted his letter of resignation via email. He will work through September 7, 2022 and wished to stay on as a part time Dispatcher.

Officer Mendez has been assigned to Masuk High School as a temporary School Resource Officer due to a long-term absence.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEWS/INVESTIGATIONS:

One new citizen complaint was received during the month of August

Event(s) of Interest:

On August 30th at approximately 1100 am, officers responded to a domestic violence call with weapons. The complainant stated their spouse had made suicidal statements and loaded their vehicle with several rifles and handguns. The spouse then drove away from the residence. Officers responded to the area, and in an abundance of caution the Monroe schools were contacted and advised to be put into controlled movement. Officers contacted the individual by cell phone and convinced them to drive to the police department. Upon arrival they were transported by Monroe EMS to the hospital for an evaluation. The following day the party was arrested upon their release from the hospital on domestic violence charges stemming from the incident the night prior to this encounter.