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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES March 16th, 2026 Hybrid/In-person Meeting

1. Councilman Ford called the Meeting to Order at 6:32pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilman Darnell Ford, Chairman
Councilman Anthony Gennaro
Councilman Anthony Mangiafico
Councilwoman Linda Salafia

STAFF PRESENT: Erik Costa - Chief of Police
Dave Albert – Fire Chief

MEMBERS/STAFF ABSENT: Rich Davis – Deputy Chief
Councilwoman Kelly Sweeney

2. Approval of Minutes – March 5th, 2026

Councilman Ford made a motion to approve the PSC Minutes for March 5th, 2026 as Councilman Mangiafico so moved, seconded by Councilwoman Salafia. There being no further discussion or objection, Motion passed.

3. Public Hearing – Matters on the Agenda Only

- None

4. Correspondence

a. Officer's Accolades

Chief Costa reported on Officer Accolades;

- Promotions at upcoming awards ceremony
 - Lt. Derek Puorro to Captain
 - Lt Aura Smith to Captain
 - Sgt. Andrew Wasilewski to Lt.
 - Sgt. Michael Thompson to Lt.
 - Ofc. Austin Smith to Sgt.
 - Ofc. Elliot Arroyo to Sgt.
- Awards ceremony will highlight citizens of the year, public servants of the year and some great action by the Middletown police department over the last year.

5. Monthly Reports

a. Overtime Balances

Chief Costa reported on Overtime Balances;

- \$65,000 left in replacement line. Will be in the red next month. Doing our best to mitigate.
- We are still holding forearm training. We are replacing our firearms and upgrading them after ten years. We are returning our used firearms to the manufacture to lower costs of the new firearms.

Community Reports

Chief Costa reported on Community Reports;

- Attended:
- Highlights:
 - Proud of Ofc. Bodell, Ofc. Bloom, Ofc Murphy, Captain Hubbs, our PIO's our K9 units and ACO's who have a great social media presence and put out the good work that we do.
- Officers were part of Read Across America Day at the elementary school across the city
- Officer Murphy is part of DARE across America
- Bear has been going to schools, supporting veterans, supporting CVH and many non-profits.
- Officer Bodell and other officers participated in the penguin plunge for the Special Olympics.
- Jesse Santostefano, our downtown patrol officer has been doing a great job getting people Opioid services. The quicker we are informed of issues, the quicker we can get a handle on it.

c. Incident Statistics Reports

Chief Costa reported on Incident Statistics;

- Last month 4,600 incidences
- Looking at curbing vandalism and destruction of property type indecencies

d. Accountability Report

Chief Costa reported on Accountability;

- We are going through our required drug testing
- Body worn Cameras and in car cameras are all up to date and contracts are up to standard.
- Chief talked about the first sign program which highlights when an officer has a bunch of complaints against them or a lot of accolades as well. Looking for ways to pay for that. Maybe budget for in future years.

6. Old Business

Chief Costa reported;

- GCC passed the ordinance to Council for vote for private duty rates. GCC has also done a great job cleaning up our Flock program and contract.

7. New Business

Chief Costa reported;

- a. Power BI & NextGen
 - Working on getting forward facing

- Councilman Ford asked are they one in the same. Chief Costa answered NexGen is our report management system and CAD system. Power BI is a Microsoft product that talks to NexGen that pulls data from NexGen so its searchable evidence.
- Councilman Ford asked if in the future Brianna can make a presentation on these platforms.

8. Public Hearing Re-opened -- Other Matters

- None

9. Meeting Adjournment

Councilwoman Ford asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion so moved by Councilman Mangiafico, seconded by Councilwoman Sweeney Councilman Mangiafico. There being no further discussion or objection, Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:47pm.

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Respectfully Submitted,
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Recording Secretary