

FAIRFIELD BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

FEBRUARY 12TH, 2025

A regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners was held on Wednesday, February 12th, 2025 @ 4:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Police Commission located at 100 Reef Road, Fairfield, Connecticut 06824.

Members Present: Chairman Millington, Secretary Pine, Commissioners Ambrose, Blanco, Kiley, Lebo, and Stone.

Names of Command Staff: Chief Kalamaras, Deputy Chief Weihe, Captains Irizarry, Koval, and Paris.

Others Present: Lieutenant Zdru, Lieutenant Mastronardi, Sergeants Peck and Wellington, Officer Simmons, four members of the Police Cadet program, Jennifer Jennings representing the Pink Pledge/Norma Pfriem Breast Center, Erik Rahner, recipient of the Community Service Award-Life Saving and his family, Alicja Rydza.

The regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Millington at 4:30 p.m.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by Chairman Millington.
2. Approval of the draft minutes of the regular meeting of January 8, 2025. Commissioner Ambrose made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Commissioner Stone. Motion passes unanimously.
3. A presentation was made by Jennifer Jennings of the Pink Pledge/Norma Pfriem Breast Center. She expressed gratitude for the partnership that is shared between the Fairfield Police Department and her organization.
4. Captain Paris recognized the heroism of Erik Rahner, who performed an extraordinary act of bravery and selflessness by jumping into the icy waters of the Cascades at Lake Mohegan to rescue Alicja Rydza on January 7, 2025. Mr. Rahner was honored with the Fairfield Police Department Life-Saving Award, and Captain Paris presented him with a plaque for his courage and willingness to put another's life before his own.
5. Captain Paris presented the Community Service Award to the Fairfield Police Cadet Program in honor of the outstanding contributions it has made to the community for over 40 years, shaping the future of young men and women with an interest in law enforcement and public service. He recognized the cadets for their commitment to serving Fairfield, and the program advisors, Sergeant Peck and Wellington, Detective Papageorge, Police Officers Wells, Ball and Simmons, for their mentorship in shaping these young individuals into tomorrow's leaders.

6. Traffic Surveys:

School Zones Approval for OSTA:

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statute 14-212b, The Fairfield Police Department requests Local Traffic Authority approval to implement the following nine Office of State Traffic Administration (OSTA) approved School Zones for the following schools and proximal areas: Unquowa School and Assumption Catholic School, Stratfield Elementary School, Fairfield Prep School, Holland Hill Elementary School, Tomlinson Middle School, Osborne Hill Elementary School, McKinley Elementary School, and Roger Sherman Elementary School.

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE. Captain Irizarry explained the positive effects that the implementation of the school zones would have at these sites. Secretary Pine made a motion to approve and Commissioner Stone seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

7. Old Business: The Police Commission discussed a change in the local traffic authority. No motions were made and no votes were taken.
8. New Business: Approval of the Fairfield Animal Shelter donations. Commissioner Lebo made a motion to accept the donations, seconded by Secretary Pine. Motion passes unanimously.
9. Review of the Monthly Report for January 2025.
10. Executive Session: Update of the Trust Act and Federal Funding Pause. At 4:59 p.m., Chairman Millington made a motion to enter into Executive Session, which was seconded by Commissioner Lebo. At 5:17 p.m., Chairman Millington made a motion to leave Executive Session, which was seconded by Commissioner Ambrose. No votes were taken and no motions were made.
11. Adjournment: Prior to adjournment, Commissioner Ambrose spoke on behalf of the Fairfield Rotary Club to inform those present that Officer Mark Letsch, a 26-year veteran of the Fairfield Police Department, has been nominated to receive an award for his exemplary career in law enforcement at the Pillars of the Community event that the Rotary will be hosting on March 19, 2025.

At 5:24 p.m., Secretary Pine made a motion to adjourn for the night, seconded by Commissioner Ambrose. Motion passes unanimously.

The next meeting will be held on March 12th, 2025 at 4:30 in the Conference Room of the Police Commission.

Commissioner Secretary Pine

Recording Secretary Nancy Fray

