

**CITY OF NORWALK
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 13, 2009**

ATTENDANCE: Chief Harry Rilling, Norwalk Police Department; Mayor Richard A. Moccia (4:11 p.m.)

STAFF: Michelle DeLuca, Deputy Director Emergency Management

OTHERS: Karen DelVecchio, ITS Director; Hal Alvord, DPW Director; Mark Gorian, NPS; David Kennedy, United Way; Bill Mooney, Health Department, Adam Bovilsky, Human Services, Barbara Smith, NCC

CALL TO ORDER

Chief Rilling called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE

EOC Exercise – new Date June 4, 2009

Ms. DeLuca said that the date had been changed and that work on a secure webpage was being working on to allow everyone to have access to information. Feedback will be appreciated.

Hurricane Season begins June 1, 2009

Ms. DeLuca said that the focus was encouraging residents to have an emergency pack ready.

City Hall – Safety flip Chart

Ms. DeLuca said that one issue that had been raised was security at City Hall. She then asked if there was a safety plan in place. Chief Rilling then said that the previous administration had worked on this and supposedly a plan was being worked on, but was unsure as to what the status on this was.

Mayor Moccia joined the meeting at 4:11 p.m.

Ms. DelVecchio said that there were departments that handled the cash such as the Tax Collectors. She also said that frequently tense situation often develop in the hall outside

of the Probate Office. The Mayor said that the Stamford has a Government Center that was like going into the Pentagon.

Ms. DeLuca said that the flip chart was designed to help with simple things, like an irate customer or other situations. Chief Rilling suggested several Website that would have best practices in order to heighten the safety of

Private sector/community partners meeting – mid/late June

Ms. DeLuca said that she had spoken with Tanya McCourt about interfacing with the Administration about Community partnering. Chief Rilling suggested that Ms. DeLuca call Lt. Resnick about this.

Battle of the Badges Blood Drive – Thursday and Saturday

Ms. DeLuca the gave a brief overview of the Third Annual 2009 Battle of the Badges Blood Drive.

H1N1

Mr. Mooney then said that 2/3rd of the confirmed Connecticut cases of H1N1 were located in Fairfield County but none in Norwalk. He said that the CDC will continue to count the number of cases and said that it has tended to be a mild virus at this point. He then said that the flu might require a separate vaccine because the process for manufacturing the regular flu vaccines is already underway.

United Way - no report.

NCC – Ms. Smith said that the College was getting ready for Health and Wellness Conference. She then asked if the Police Department had a Community Officer that could be present at the Conference to answer questions. She said that the College was trying to be good neighbors and there were neighborhood concerns and complaints about speeding, littering along with private driveways being used for U turns. The Mayor commented that unfortunately, these were events that happen all over the 250 miles of road in Norwalk and not specific to the college's location.

Human Services – No report

Norwalk Public Schools – Mr. Gorain said that he has been meeting with Ms. DeLuca, Chief Riling and Dr, Cook about the District. The plan is moving forward. Mr. Mooney said that there was great cooperation between the Health Department and the School District in regards to the flu outbreak.

ITS – Ms. DelVecchio said the department has been working with the Health Department regarding the rain gauge. It has now been automated so that someone doesn't have to go up on the roof to collect the sample. The Aquaculture Department immediately shuts down the shellfish bed for 7 days if 1 1/2" of rain falls, so having accurate readings of the amount is critical.

DPW – Mr. Alvord said that other than having his staff reduced by 20%, there was no report.

NPD – Chief Rilling said that a test has been given for dispatcher and hoped that n that department will be fully staffed soon.

He added that because the Commission was a public meeting, the minutes should be included on the agenda and voted on.

Mayor Moccia said that he would like to have a fifteen minute segment of the radio dispatches from a Friday night brought in so that everyone would have a better understanding about the department functions. The Chief said that there is now a dispatch procedure for how calls are handled. Ms. DeLuca asked if it would be possible to have a meeting at the Dispatch. Chief Rilling said that the Committee could tour the Dispatch area and meet in the Conference Room after the tour.

The next meeting will be on July 8th.

The Mayor asked Mr. Bovilsky how the Diversity Training was going. Mr. Bovilsky said that it was going well and there was good feedback from those who had completed the training.

ADJOURNMENT

**** THE MAYOR MOVED TO ADJOURN
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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