

**CITY OF NORWALK
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 13, 2010**

ATTENDANCE: Richard A. Moccia, Mayor; Dennis McCarthy, Fire Chief, Norwalk Fire Department; Lt. Resnick, Norwalk Police Department; Michelle DeLuca, Director, Emergency Management; Tad Diesel, Mayor's Office; Karen DelVecchio, IT Dept.; Louis Shullman, Norwalk Transit; Betty Karkut, Norwalk Social Services

Call to Order

Fire Chief McCarthy called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Chief McCarthy stated that the briefing and tour of the new police vehicles was held prior to the meeting and was very well attended, and thanked those members of the Committee for attending. Mayor Moccia added that the vehicles are a great addition to the fleet and provides modern technology with crime investigation and evidence collection.

Emergency Management Update

Chief McCarthy stated that the potential for severe weather is addressed with the new process of all Departments "on the same page". He added that they now have a pre-scripted guide to use as a game plan for notification and activation of the EOC with regional-wide conference calls with CL&P and SNEW and should work in conjunction with the Police Department and DPW. He added that operation status updates and briefings to the Emergency Center with information updates creates an efficient process for the City.

September – National Preparedness Month

Ms. DeLuca reported that as part of last month's National Preparedness Month, the open house at Veteran's Park was very well attended. Chief McCarthy stated that the parents found that it worked well to have children learning about fire safety, and at the same time, having information for emergency preparedness for adults, was a well-coordinated efforts for public education.

October - Norwalk Hospital Drill

Chief McCarthy stated that Ms. Jennifer Lord with the Norwalk Hospital asked him to remind the committee that Mass Casualty Emergency Exercise is scheduled for October 21 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Ms. DeLuca added that will be a regional drill in response to a five-story building collapse emergency response, and it will be a controlled, functional drill primarily to test the hospital response functions, but will also focus on other City response functions.

Mayor Moccia asked about the demolition of the five-story parking garage, and Chief McCarthy replied that it has been delayed and was not sure of the specific details of the demolition plans.

New Items for Discussion/Roundtable

Mayor Moccia stated that the Common Council had approved the M.O.U. on internet predators and cyber crimes and all was moving forward with a good exchange of information within the departments involved with Public Safety.

Mayor Moccia stated that the issue of speeding in town continues to be an issue and that the Police Department continues to monitor efforts to slow down traffic, and stated that slow down weeks will be scheduled around holidays and spring breaks. He added that the new upcoming traffic study should offer solutions with roundabouts, and alternatives to speed bumps, and other traffic calming strategies.

Norwalk Transit

Mr. Shullman stated that there have been complaints about speeding by the Wheels buses and in response they have monitored drivers with speed guns and impose violations to the drivers.

Information Technology Department

Ms. DeVecchio stated that on the home page Spotlight section, she has added a statement on Halloween safety, with a video link and safety tips following common sense ideas. She added that she welcomes input from the departments on other timely announcements relative to public safety to be featured in this section, and suggested that traffic slow down may be a good subject to address.

Other Business

Chief Ed Carlson stated that there was a new pumper truck in Rowayton that should be in service in one week. He added that a "wet-down" ceremony would be held on Sunday, October 24.

Ms. DeLuca stated that the next meeting will be on November 10 at 3:30.

ADJOURNMENT

**** MAYOR MOCCIA MOTIONED TO ADJOURN.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Knox,
Telesco Secretarial Services

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