



# ***Derby Police Commission***

**Derby, Connecticut 06418**

Commission

Robert J. Hughes , Chairman  
Theodore J. Estwan Jr.  
Leo DiSorbo  
Terri Kuskowski, Secretary

Traffic Authority

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Eugene L. Mascolo

A meeting of the Derby Board of Police Commissioners was held on 14 JUL 08 at the Derby Police Department, 125 Water Street, Derby.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Hughes.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

Present were Commissioners Hughes and DiSorbo. Also present was Chief Mascolo. Commission Estwan was absent.

3. Additions, Deletions or Corrections to Agenda

Commissioner Hughes requested that the following three issues be added to executive session:

- Discussion of grievances
- Discussion of personnel issues
- Complaint made to the Chief State's Attorney's office

Commissioner DiSorbo made a motion to accept the changes and Commissioner Hughes seconded. All were in favor and the motion was passed.

4. Public Portion

No one from the public made any comments.

5. Acceptance of Minutes

A motion to accept the minutes from the 04 JUN 08 special meeting was made by Commissioner DiSorbo and seconded by Commissioner Hughes. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Department Reports:

Chief Mascolo reviewed multiple department reports including the status of the police department's current budget and upcoming expenditures. He also reviewed the May and June monthly activity reports.



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The commissioners were also notified of a recent ruling on the Gryca case. The jury dropped all charges except the assault charge and awarded Gryca \$15,000. The city lawyer plans to appeal the decision.

The department is continuing to staff walking or bike shifts under a grant that was recently received. The department was also able to purchase two new patrol bikes because of this grant.

Chief Mascolo updated the commissioners on the transition to the new Luminous HSA plan. He advised them that there has been a delay between the times when subscribers open the account and the time the city funds the account to when the subscribers have the debit cards and checkbooks. Many department members have already had to spend money out of their pockets due to this delay.

The commissioners were informed that today the chief has issued a cease and desist letter to the adult oriented business that recently opened on Route 34.

Chief Mascolo updated the commissions on the two recruits who were sworn in at the last Police Commissioners' meeting. Both recruits have begun training at the police academy. Due to the fact that Detective Kurtyka has recently retired, the department will need to hold a promotional exam for his replacement. Once that position is filled, the department will be in need of one more patrolman. Chief Mascolo expects to have someone attend the December police academy course.

### **7. Communications**

The commissioners were forwarded a letter from Detective Kurtyka stating that he has retired and wishes to revert back to supernumerary status. The commissioners accepted his letter for consideration.

### **8. Traffic Authority Business:**

The commissioners reviewed a letter that was issued to a resident of Summit Street explaining the reason for denial of his handicapped parking space.

They also discussed LT Todd's report on the Chapel Street traffic study requested by a blight officer. The study found that 99% of motorists traveling on that street are driving either at or less than the posted traffic speed.

### **9. Old Business**

There was no old business to discuss.



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### 10. New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

A motion to go into executive session and have Chief Mascolo present was made by Commissioner DiSorbo, seconded by Commissioner Hughes and was carried unanimously. The purpose of the executive session was to discuss the following items:

- Discussion of grievances
- Discussion of personnel issues
- Complaint made to the Chief State's Attorney's office

The Board went into executive session at 8:10 P.M. and the meeting adjourned thereafter.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Kuskowski

*These minutes are subject to the Board's approval at their next scheduled meeting.*