



City of Groton, Connecticut

Police and Community Together (PACT) Committee Meeting Minutes

Branford Manor
Community Room
37 A Mather Avenue
Groton, CT 06340

6:00 PM

Thursday, March 17, 2022

In Person Meeting Only

I. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Bruce DeFrehn, Reverend Coleman of St. John's Church, Youth Officer Stephanie Contreras, Frank Jennette, Juliette Parker, Chief Jenkins, Officer LeSage, Captain Lieteau, Mayor Hedrick, and Doris Pulaski.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Bruce DeFrehn to accept the January 20, 2022 minutes; it was seconded by Reverend Coleman and passed unanimously.

III. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Mobile Meetings – This meeting held at the Branford Manor Community Manor was the first of planned PACT Mobile Meetings. The second mobile meeting is scheduled to be in the Eastern Point area, tentatively at Zbierski House. A suggested contact for publicizing the meeting is Susan Godley of the Eastern Point Property Owners Association. A later meeting will be held in the Groton Heights area.
- B. Investigations – Chief Jenkins reported that an unidentified woman ran her car into a gate at Pfizer and did about \$18,000.00 of damage.

The victim of a previously reported shooting died; this case is now a homicide investigation. Fifty interviews have been done. Unfortunately, there is only one camera report of the incident.
- C. Cameras – Captain Lieteau has had a grant approved for four cameras to be placed at key locations for traffic monitoring. A second grant will be made for four more cameras which will be turn-able by the dispatcher.
- D. COVID Test Kits/N95 Masks- Groton City has 180 COVID kits available for school use and 90 more kits available for homebound residents. The expiry date of these kits is under review.

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- E. Volunteer Opportunities-There is a food pantry opportunity on March 25, 2022 from 12:00-2:30 p.m. Volunteers may sign up at the City website or may contact Frank Jennette to participate.

IV. CHIEF UPDATE

Chief Jenkins gave an update on recent police activity. In addition to the investigations above, Groton City is still seeing unlocked car break-ins and theft of catalytic converters.

The chief also informed the group that there will be road construction starting April 1, 2022, from the Five Corners down to Rainville Avenue. The traffic disruption will last approximately 200 days starting April 1, 2022. Then Mitchell Street will be repaved. The department will be educating Electric Boat workers about alternate routes they can take to and from work, and will be working with businesses in the area to minimize impact on them.

The new youth officer, Stephanie Contreras was introduced to the group and gave a talk on her job, and its goals. The Cadet Program was again discussed.

Officer LeSage gave a presentation on the Accreditation Procedure. Groton City has been involved with the Accreditation Procedure since 2015. The department is currently working on Tier Two level Accreditation. Being accredited helps our police department save on insurance costs.

V. Open Forum

A number of questions were asked about police procedures. Mayor Hedrick said that a project is under way to have all police body cameras turned on within a larger radius of any incident when any police officer draws a gun or taser.

There will be a police substation opened in Branford Manor.

A discussion was held about how to get more parents involved and invested in improving police and community relations

VI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mayor Hedrick, seconded by Frank Jennette. It passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.