



# City of Groton, Connecticut

## Police and Community Together (PACT) Committee Minutes

Thursday, December 15, 2022

City Municipal Building  
295 Meridian Street  
Groton, CT 06340

Council Chambers

6:00 PM

### **I. ROLL CALL**

The following were either present in person: Chief Eric Jenkins, Holly Butler, Frank Jennette, George Baloga, Doris Pulaski, and Juliette Parker

### **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made to accept the November 17, 2022 Minutes by George Baloga, seconded by Frank Jennette. It passed unanimously.

### **III. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Mobile Meetings- Although a meeting with Groton City businesses has been planned, it has not yet been scheduled. Wendy Connal suggested at the last meeting that the Bill Library could host mobile meetings.
- B. At the previous meeting, concern was expressed about participation in PACT meetings. An email was sent out about the subject to those who had previously been interested. Nine responses were received: six people were still interested, one person wished to be kept informed, one person was not currently available, and one person was no longer interested. Methods were discussed to both inform the community of what the police and PACT were doing. A separate website for PACT was discussed, as was an improved community survey, perhaps on a Survey Monkey platform. Any efforts of this sort need to be reviewed by the City's lawyer.
- C. Investigations – Interviews are continuing in the homicide case. A \$5,000 reward had been offered for information, and was reposted. It was asked whether the amount of the reward could be increased.
- D. Cameras – At the last meeting, Captain Leteau reported that we have received all four of our first order. Each unit has four separate cameras. IT security is still a concern.
- E. 190 COVID Test Kits are available from the city clerk. Juliette Parker will repost that these are available.
- F. Volunteer Opportunities – A food distribution will be done Friday, December 15, at Groton Human Services, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. A food distribution will also be done at St. John's Church on Monday, December 19, 12:30-2:00. The blockade will be put out earlier to improve traffic flow during the distribution.

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**IV. CHIEF UPDATE**

- A. The City IT Department has established an anonymous tip line (1-800-TIPLINE) and an anonymous email tipline.
- B. The Thanksgiving food distribution went well.
- C. The “Stuff a Cruiser” toys, food, and coat drive was held Saturday, December 10, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the City Municipal Building. About 200 coats were distributed to Riverfront, St. John’s Church, and Human Services. About one and a half truckloads of toys were collected and delivered to Groton Human Services. Food collected was delivered to Gemma Moran in New London.
- D. The Elks Christmas Party for Special Needs kids was held for December 14. Santa attended.
- E. Santa in the City is scheduled for December 17, 2022, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Santa and Mrs. Santa will be cruising around the city in his convertible. A map of Santa’s route is on the City’s Facebook page.
- F. Poquonnock Road is now entirely repaved. A digital radar sign will be placed there to remind motorists that though the road is now smooth, it is not a speedway.
- G. The HES Program will be restarted at Branford Manor. The program stresses health, safety, babysitting training, bicycle training, computer and other tutoring. UNCF will be working with the program.
- H. Side shooting radar mounts for the cruisers are being explored.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

It was suggested that feedback meetings be held at the mobile sites that PACT had already visited, to report progress on residents’ concerns. It was also suggested that members bring ideas to the next PACT meeting. Frank Jennette stressed that activities must involve parents as well as children, to increase trust in the police.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Frank Jennette, seconded by George Baloga. It was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 19, 2022 in the City Hall Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m.