There was a regular meeting for the above-referenced subcommittee held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 in Conference Room #5, Bloomfield Town Hall, 800 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, CT.

Present were: Councilors Kenneth McClary, Jennifer Marshall-Nealy, Joseph Merritt, David Mann, and Mayor Suzette DeBeatham-Brown

Also present were: Deputy Mayor Rickford Kirton, Councilor Kevin Gough, Philip Schenck, Jr., Town Manager, Captain Stephen Hajdasz, Chief William Riley, Lieutenant Vincent Jaunai, Pat Braun, EMS and India Rodgers, Clerk of Council

Absent was: Councilor Elizabeth Waterhouse, Chief Willie Jones and Chief Paul Hammick

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Discussion regarding the Request for Federal Action – Declaring Police Related Deaths of Unarmed Black Americans a Homeland Security Crisis

This item was placed on the agenda by Councilor McClary, Chair of the Public Safety Subcommittee. There was a brief discussion regarding the purpose of this resolution.

Councilor Mann and Merritt commented on the support for this resolution and requested clarification for suggested recommendations.

Councilor Marshall-Nealy noted that this resolution would also set expectations on various other communities that are non-African-American.

Captain Hajdasz expressed support of this resolution on behalf of the Bloomfield Police Department.

It was moved by Councilor Merritt, seconded by Councilor Marshall-Nealy and voted unanimously to recommend this item to the full Council for approval and adoption.

The subcommittee received the following updates and status reports from:

POLICE

The police department’s FY 2018/2019 budget is on track with no unexpected expenditures to date in each division.

Personnel Updates

The department has a total of 61 employees, budgeted for 49 sworn officers, which is currently at 48 with the anticipated retirement of Officer Rajtar.
Officers Zachary Obright and Kelsey Marshall recently completed field training on September 7th. Recruit LaBreck is scheduled to graduate the P.O.S.T. Academy on September 20th. The three recruits in the Hartford Academy are anticipated to graduate in mid-October and there are two additional recruits anticipated to start the Meriden Academy the first week in October.

Captain Hajdasz noted that intake interviews for officer candidates the week of September 15, 2018. The department received 150 applications for the position of Police Officer.

There is currently one opening at the rank of Sergeant and one opening at the rank of Detective.

**Crime**

Chief Hammick reported crime is down 7% for the month of August and 6% increase from year to date. Officer initiated calls have decreased by 2%.

**Patrol Division**

**Citizen Traffic Complaints**

Captain Hajdasz reported results from traffic enforcement in several areas of town:

Pershing Park Area: Officers conducted 10 motor vehicle stops, 12 Ordinance violations issuing 10 infractions. The Speed Shield was deployed on Elizabeth Avenue, Jackson Road and Coventry Street. The speed shield is currently deployed on Greenwood Avenue.

Thus far, the data has revealed an average motor vehicle speed of 24.38 mph and an average motor vehicle volume per day of approximately 1,500 vehicles. The results indicated that approximately 53% of motor vehicles traveled at a speed of 25 mph or less, 44% traveled at a speed of 34 mph or less, 4% of motor vehicles traveled at a speed greater than 35 mph.

The department recently ordered two new speed shields.

**Community Services**

Officer Robert Wilkins, Community Services Division hosted the monthly Block Watch Meeting. He also conducted four car seats installations. The new K-9 “Zeke” started six week training with Officer Barrette. School Resource Officer Courtney Danaher started back at Bloomfield High School at the opening of the school year.

**Professional Standards**

*Internal Affairs* – There were no citizen complaints for the month of August.

*Use of Force* – There was one use of force for the month of August. The total use of force incidents for 2018 was 12. All cases reviewed and in compliance with department standards.

**CALEA Accreditation**
Captain Hajdasz reported the status of the National Accreditation process. The final year of the 4 year assessment period has begun and they are anticipating a successful re-accreditation.

The CALEA Community Survey has been completed and distributed throughout town as well as electronically.

**FIRE**

*Center Fire District*

As of the end of August 2018, there were 389 calls for service reported.

On Tuesday, September 25, 2018 from 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., the district will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive. Parking is available at Sacred Heart Church.

*Blue Hills Fire District*

Lieutenant Vincent Jaunai from the Blue Hills Fire District gave a brief status report of the department.

During the month of August 2018, there were 116 calls for service reported. There were six structure fires (3 in the Blue Hills District and 3 Mutual Aid calls).

For the fifth year, the department conducted their outreach program with Bloomfield High School students for six weeks. The graduation date was scheduled for August 13, 2018.

The Blue Hills Fire District also hosted the Back to School Fun Fair at their main headquarters.

**EMS**

The next meeting of the EMS Committee will be held on September 17, 2018. The committee will discuss the statistical report on call volumes.

**OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY CONCERNS**

Councilor Marshall-Nealy inquired about the various bear sightings in local neighborhoods.

Captain Hajdasz noted that public notices and information regarding community awareness of this issue has been circulated on numerous occasions and through several media outlets.

Councilor McClary asked for a status update of the proposed new Communications System. It was noted that an Executive Summary of the vendor’s report with the Town of Windsor will be submitted to the town and subcommittee for review.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Councilor Mann, seconded by Councilor Merritt to approve the minutes of July 9, 2018.
ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilor Merritt, seconded by Councilor Marshall-Nealy to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.