

Public Safety Committee (DOC/Garner)
Regular Meeting – June 6, 2023, at 5:00 pm
Newtown Municipal Center, Council Chamber

Members Present: First Selectman Dan Rosenthal, Deputy Warden LaRue McNish (acting Warden), Capt. Bishop, Matthew Mihalcik, Mary Salley, Bruce Clark, Jennifer Chaudhary and Patrick Rielly

Absent: Joy Previdi, States Attorney David Applegate, Chief Kullgren

Also Present:

First Selectman Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 5:01p.m.

Public Participation: none.

Minutes: Matt Mihalcik moved to accept the minutes of March 7, 2023. Bruce Clark seconded. All in favor.

Warden's Report:

The current inmate population at the Garner Correctional Facility is 495 which includes 265 sentenced and 230 un-sentenced. There are 10 Level 5 inmates (in administrative segregation), 303 Level 4 inmates, 113 Level 3 inmates, 62 Level 2 inmates and 7 Level 1 inmates. Of the mental health population 36 are Level 5 (severe), 376 are Level 4, 19 are Level 3, 47 are Level 2 and 17 are Level 1.

Incidents are averaging about 98 per month. This is attributed to mental health inmates and medication. Staffing is at 91% due to new hires from graduating cadets.

There have been very few Covid cases for both the staff and inmates.

The recent training exercise went very well, response time was good, there was good cooperation with Newtown PD and the State Police. The K9 was on point in tracking the inmate. The drones and heat seeking devices were impressive. The exercise helped to develop relationships between the Newtown PD and Garner. Acting Warden McNish believes, in the case of an actual Code Green, the response will be quick.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: none.

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be held on September 5, 2023 in the Council Chamber, Newtown Municipal Center at 5:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business the meeting ended at 5:05p.m.

Susan Marcinek, clerk

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