

Public Safety Committee (DOC/Garner) Minutes
Regular Meeting – June 5, 2018 at 5:00 pm
Newtown Municipal Center (Meeting Room #1)
3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT

Members Present: First Selectman Daniel C. Rosenthal, Warden Anthony Corcella, Patrick Reilly, Neil Chaudhary, Joy Previdi, Chief James Viadero

ABSENT: Gino Faiella, Jay Mattegat, Bruce Clark, Stephen Sedensky

ALSO PRESENT: one member of the press.

First Selectman Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. and welcomed the new Warden, Anthony Corcella. Warden Corcella started at Garner on March 30. He began his career in corrections twenty years ago starting off as a correctional officer at Gates in Niantic, was promoted to Lieutenant at York and then promoted to Captain at Gates in Niantic. He was transferred to York and promoted to Deputy Warden at Brooklyn Correctional Institution in Brooklyn, CT and reassigned to York as Deputy Warden of Operations, prior to becoming the Warden at Garner. The transition is going well.

Public Participation: none.

Minutes: Mr. Reilly moved to accept the minutes of March 6, 2018. Mr. Chaudhary seconded.
All were in favor.

Warden's Report: The current population at the Garner Correctional Facility is 548 which includes 135 unsentenced and 413 sentenced. The racial breakdown is 30% white, 45% black, 24% Hispanic, less than 1% Asian and less than 1% American Indian. The level breakdown is less than 1% level 5, level 4 is 8%, level 3 is at 14%, level 2 is at 5% and level 1 is at less than 1%.

Level 5 inmates are housed in the highest level of acute care housing unit. They go to Garner for treatment, to get medicines adjusted and meet with doctors. After a consultation they return to Northern or, if their level has dropped, they go elsewhere, or stay at Garner. They have very limited out of cell time. There are many variables involved in inmate classification. A specialized central transportation unit transfers level 5 mental health inmates.

Supervisor rank staffing is full. Officer staffing levels are at 85%, which is consistent with the state. There is always a full staff because of overtime.

There is an average of 80 incidents a month, which include drills.

The theater group recently had four performances, two for VIP's, one for the inmate populations and one for the inmate's family members. Also, two motivational speakers spoke with both staff and inmates. They are both ex-offenders that have turned their lives around and are successful members of society.

There recent death of an inmate continues to be investigated.

NEW BUSINESS: none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: none.

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business the committee voted unanimously to adjourn their special meeting 5:24pm

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Marcinek, clerk

Rec'd. for Record 6 - 7 2018 Town Clerk of Newtown 4:45pm <i>Debbie Aurelia Halstead</i>
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