

**Public Safety Committee (DOC/Garner)**  
**Regular Meeting – December 3, 2019 at 5:00 pm**  
**Newtown Municipal Center (Meeting Room #1)**  
**3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT**

**Members Present:** Chief Viadero, Warden Amonda Hannah, Patrick Reilly, Stephen Sedensky, Joy Previdi

**ABSENT:** First Selectman Daniel C. Rosenthal, Director of School Facilities Bob Gerbert, Jay Mattegat, Bruce Clark

Chief Viadero called the meeting to order at 5:00p.m.

**Public Participation:** none.

**Minutes:** Warden Hannah moved to accept the minutes of September 4, 2019. Patrick Reilly seconded. All in favor.

**Warden's Report:** The current inmate population at the Garner Correctional Facility is 549, which includes 412 sentenced and 137 un-sentenced. 264 inmates are in general population; 285 are mental health. There are 13 level 5 inmates, of those three are mental health 5 and ten are in the phase 2-3 program. There are 436 Level 4 inmates, 67 Level 3 inmates, 28 Level 2 inmates and 4 Level 1 inmates. Of the mental health population 15 are Level 5 and presently housed in the infirmary, 256 are Level 4, 84 are Level 3, 128 are Level 2 and 66 are Level 1. The un-sentenced are mostly mental health. Mental health 4 or 5 go to Garner.

Incidents are averaging about 85 per month. An incident is anything that results in medical attention. This ranges from a stubbed toe to assault.

Officer staffing is approximately 89%. There are seventeen cadets scheduled to graduate on December 5 and will be assigned to second and third shift. An additional fifteen cadets are currently at the academy with an anticipated January 30 graduation. The goal is to reach 95% officer staffing. Of the new hires there is a recreation supervisor, a new phlebotomist and new clerical staff. Five Lieutenants were promoted between September and November. Two correctional officers are working as provisional Lieutenants, a temporary assignment, filling in for officers out on military leave. An officer on military leave was promoted to Lieutenant. A new counselor supervisor was promoted in November. The third shift Captain retired November 1.

Joy Previdi asked about inmate transportation. There is a centralized transportation unit and no reported incidents. There have been incidents at the court house between inmates, but not during transport. Mental health, Level 5 inmates, are transported separately as are security level 5 inmates. Steve Sedensky stated he doesn't remember the last time there was a prosecution based on something happening in transit.

Chief Viadero will make a radio available to Garner's roving patrol to have in case of an exterior issue.

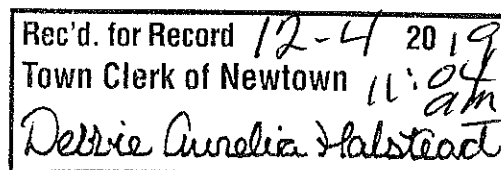
**2020 Meeting Calendar:** Joy Previdi moved to accept the 2020 meeting calendar (att.). Patrick Reilly seconded. All in favor.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** none.

**Next Meeting Date:** March 3, 2020

**ADJOURNMENT:** Having no further business the committee voted unanimously to adjourn their special meeting 5:11 p.m.

*Susan Marcinek, clerk*



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**2020 Meeting Schedule**

The Public Safety Committee (DOC/Garner) will hold meetings at 5:00 pm in Meeting Room #1 at the Newtown Municipal Center, 3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT as follows:

Tuesday	March 3
Tuesday	June 2
Tuesday	September 1
Tuesday	December 1