

**Public Safety Committee (DOC/Garner)**  
**Regular Meeting – March 3, 2020 at 5:00 pm**  
**Newtown Municipal Center (Meeting Room #1)**  
**3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT**

**Members Present:** First Selectman Rosenthal, Chief Viadero, Warden Amonda Hannah, Jennifer Chaudhary, Bruce Clark, Jay Mattegat, Cathy Reiss, Stephen Sedensky,

**ABSENT:** Joy Previdi, Patrick Reilly and Director of School Facilities Bob Gerbert

**ALSO PRESENT:** One member of the press.

First Selectman Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 5:00p.m.

**Public Participation:** none.

**Minutes:** B. Clark moved to accept the minutes of December 3, 2019. Chief Viadero seconded. All in favor.

**Warden's Report:** The current inmate population at the Garner Correctional Facility is 543, which includes 410 sentenced and 133 un-sentenced. 260 inmates are in general population; 283 are mental health. There are 11 level 5 inmates, of those 8 are on the administrative segregation status, phase 2 and phase 3; there is 1 in phase 2 and 7 in phase 3; the remaining 3 are AS inmates who are overall mental health 4. There are 426 Level 4 inmates, 76 Level 3 inmates, 2 Level 2 inmates and 2 Level 1 inmates. Of the mental health population 18 are Level 5 and presently housed in the infirmary, 238 are Level 4, 85 are Level 3, 185 are Level 2 and 67 are Level 1.

Incidents are averaging about 77 per quarter. An incident is anything significant, anything out of the normal routine of the day that needs to be documented. An incident can range from a stubbed toe, to an inmate refusing to leave the cell for a court date, to fighting. Issues with visitors may need documentation also.

Officer staffing is at 93%. Fifteen cadets graduated on Jan. 30 and ten new cadets started the academy on Feb. 14 and will be graduating in May. The goal is to have 95% staffing levels. New hires include a Licensed Professional Counselor and a Correctional Nurse. Promotions include 3<sup>rd</sup> Shift Captain and 3<sup>rd</sup> Shift Lieutenant. There is one vacancy for a supervisory position on first shift. One officer retired Jan. 1 and a Deputy Warden is anticipated to retire in April.

High profile inmate Fotis Dulos was housed at Garner for two night prior to bonding out.

The agency is preparing for pandemic planning for the coronavirus and implementing protocol to address any concerns in sanitation. There is weekly monitoring for flu like symptoms. Currently no inmates are sick with the flu.

Kiosks and wiring are being installed in the facility with the anticipation of having tablets in hand by summer. Jpay does not cost the state because they make money thru apps purchased by inmate family members. There are limitations to what the inmates can access.

Warden Hannah will circulate dates for a facility tour when planned.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** none.

**Next Meeting Date:** June 2, 2020

**ADJOURNMENT:** Having no further business the committee voted unanimously to adjourn their special meeting 5:19p.m.

*Susan Marcinek, clerk*

