



DARIEN POLICE



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POLICE COMMITTEE
July 21, 2025
Regular Meeting Minutes
Police Department Training Room
1710 Plainfield Road

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in attendance were Chairman Kenny, Alderman Ralph Stompanato, Alderman Eric Gustafson, Alderwoman Mary Sullivan, City Administrator Bryon Vana and Deputy Chief Jason Norton.

2. Public Comment and Communications

Mr. Quinton Sims a Darien resident who lives on 71st Street was present. He expressed his concern with kids riding electric bikes, e-scooters, etc. in his neighborhood in a reckless manner. He is afraid of backing out of his driveway and hitting one of the kids. He also showed the committee videos of the kids riding the e-bikes while using their phones and driving recklessly. Mr. Sims said he has not called 911 to report these incidents because the kids are usually gone so quickly. Chairman Kenny advised Mr. Sims to call 911 to report the incidents he sees so the police can establish a record of these occurrences.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 19, 2025

Alderman Stompanato motioned to approve the minutes seconded by Alderman Kenny. Abstention by Alderman Gustafson. The minutes were approved.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from April 21, 2025.

Alderman Gustafson motioned to approve the minutes seconded by Alderman Stompanato. The minutes were approved.

4. A motion for the purchase of services from Flock Safety for additional Automatic License Plate Readers

Deputy Chief Norton explained to the committee that this proposal is for six additional cameras to add to the ten cameras that are currently in use by the Department. The feedback from patrol officers and detectives was that adding six more cameras to the recommended locations will be beneficial for crime deterrence and investigations. He noted that the current cameras are working out very well. A discussion ensued regarding

how the department is using the current cameras and how we coordinate with surrounding communities who also have Flock cameras. Deputy Chief affirmed that the Department is very happy with the Flock cameras.

Alderman Stompanato motioned to approve seconded by Alderman Gustafson. The motion was approved.

5. **A motion for the purchase of services from Flock Safety to maintain the current Automatic License Plate Readers.**

Alderman Gustafson motioned to approve seconded by Alderman Stompanato. The motion was approved.

6. **A motion authorizing the purchase of consulting services from Keith Fontana for the City of Darien's Emergency Operations Plan (EOP).**

Deputy Chief Norton advised the committee of the need to have a City of Darien Emergency Operation Plan (EOP). Mary Pratt was the previous contractor who was developing the EOP. She recently retired and so there is a need to have someone who is well versed in EOP to keep up with the changing state requirements. Mr Fontana came highly recommended and Deputy Chief Norton believes he will be able to do the job well.

Alderman Stompanato motioned to approve seconded by Alderman Gustafson. The motion was unanimously approved.

7. **Adoption of an ordinance to Chapter 10 "BICYCLES, LOW-SPEED ELECTRIC BICYCLES AND PERSONAL MOBILITY DEVICES" Title 9 "Traffic Regulations" of the City of Darien City Code.**

Deputy Chief Norton reviewed the highlights of the proposed ordinance with the committee. A discussion ensued about age restrictions and recent amendments enacted by the State. The committee also reviewed what neighboring communities have adopted to address this issue. The fees for violations of the ordinance were discussed. The committee also talked about different ways to get the word out to residents on this new ordinance. Distributing flyers to schools, at the Darien Fest and putting up posters throughout the community were suggested. They talked about the importance of citizens reporting to police any violations that they witness. It was mentioned that tickets would be handled with local adjudication although any appeals would go through the State. Deputy Chief Norton advised the committee that Illinois State statute requires e-bikes to have a classification sticker on them.

Alderman Stompanato motioned to adopt the ordinance seconded by Chairman Kenny. The adoption was approved.

8. **Darien Police Monthly Report**

Deputy Chief Norton reviewed the highlights of the monthly report. He mentioned that Sergeant Douglas Rumick recently graduated from the Northwestern School of Staff and Command. He also mentioned the recent reorganization of the police department which



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involved creating a second Deputy Chief position. Sergeant Austin Jump was selected as the Deputy Chief of Operations and Deputy Chief Norton is now the Support Services Deputy Chief.

9. Next Meeting Date – August 18, 2025

10. Adjournment

Alderman Stompanato motioned to adjourn seconded by Alderman Gustafson. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Approved: _____
Date

Alderman: _____
Eric Gustafson

Chairman: _____
Joseph Kenny

Alderman: _____
Ralph Stompanato