



DARIEN POLICE



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POLICE COMMITTEE
October 20, 2025
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 Joseph Kenny, Alderman Eric Gustafson and Alderman Ralph Stompanato and Deputy Chief Jump.

2. Public Comment and Communications

No public comment or communications.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes from September 2, 2025 Rescheduled Meeting

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

4. A motion for the expenditure of Cannabis Funds to purchase a DJI M4TD drone for an amount not to exceed \$13,500

Deputy Chief Jump explained to the committee that the department currently has one DJI drone and are requesting to add an additional DJI drone to the fleet. He highlighted multiple success stories of apprehending suspects using the drone. The drone allows them to go places where the squad cars cannot. It is very useful for apprehending suspects fleeing through fields or backyards. DC Jump commented that the DJI drone is the best one “hands down”. It flies at speeds up to 45 mph and can stay up in the air for up to 45 minutes. This makes it easier and safer for officers to pursue subjects who flee on foot. It also allows the officers to view incidents at a distance on a TV screen in the squad. The committee discussed the size of the drone and the capabilities. The committee also discussed if it is possible to hack data from the drone.

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

5. **A motion for the expenditure of Cannabis Funds to purchase a 2026 Dodge Durango Pursuit AWD Sport Utility Vehicle from Napleton Fleet Group in the amount of \$41,324.**

Deputy Chief Jump advised that the department would like to purchase this vehicle to be used as a second drone car with the new drone.

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

6. **An ordinance authorizing the sale or disposal of surplus property**

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

7. **Darien Police Monthly Report**

Deputy Chief highlighted a few items in the monthly report such as recent break ins in the area along the Lemont I-55 corridor. He advised that thieves have been breaking into trucks in public parking areas in several communities. Darien Police were able to interrupt one break in before anything was stolen and chased the suspects out of town. A comment received from a resident regarding e-scooters was also discussed.

8. **Next Meeting Date – November 17, 2025**

9. **Adjournment**

Alderman Stompanato motioned to adjourn the meeting seconded by Alderman Gustafson. The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Approved: _____
Date

Alderman: _____
Eric Gustafson

Chairman: _____
Joseph Kenny

Alderman: _____
Ralph Stompanato