

CITY OF PORT JERVIS

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Police Committee



20 November 2025

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 6:23 p.m.

Members Present: Mr. Vicchiariello, Mr. Siegel, Ms. Fuller, Mr. Rhoades, Ms. Dennison, Chief Worden.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment: No public comment received.

New Business

- Crime Statistics Update: The committee reviewed key crime statistics for October.
- Grant Activity Review:
 - \$10,000 Anti-Violence Grant received to reimburse costs associated with the National Night Out Against Crime celebration.
 - \$100,000 SNUG Grant awarded for 2026–2027 to support continued anti-violence initiatives.
 - DOJ Body Armor and Perma Body Armor Grants submitted for 2025–2026.
- Holiday Impaired Driving Initiatives: STOP DWI–funded enforcement is planned for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's.
- Light Duty Request: A potential request for light duty was discussed.
- Orange County Bus Patrol Report: The committee reviewed a report identifying problem locations within the City of Port Jervis for school bus stop violations.
- Traffic Signage: The committee discussed a handicapped parking request submitted by Tom and Barbara Beccari, owners of the Fantasy Curiosity Shop in the Mini Mall, requesting installation of two handicapped parking signs.
- Community Outreach and SNUG Grant Activities: The department is partnering with the Middle School to host Hashim Garrett, who will present a credible messenger–based “Peer Leadership Life Skills Class & Life Coaching Service” as part of the SNUG Anti-Violence Program. The program provides mediation and dispute resolution tutoring for 7th- and 8th-grade students.

Topics include:

- Gang Prevention & Awareness
- Respect for All

- Resilience
- Conflict Resolution through Forgiveness
- Restorative Practices
- Social and Emotional Learning

The department has also sponsored an open gym at Port Jervis Middle School with officers and students on December 12th from 2:00–3:45 p.m.

- NYS Commission of Correction Inspection Report: The committee reviewed the Lock-up and Detention Inspection Report dated October 27th. The report noted that the department must ensure a signed receipt is obtained from prisoners acknowledging the return of all money and property. The Police Department corrected this deficiency immediately and issued an internal electronic memo to all sworn officers and supervisors directing compliance.
- Training: Chief Worden will serve as a guest panelist for a Chaplain's Community Advanced Training session via Zoom on November 22nd from 9:00–10:30 a.m., discussing the “Role of Police Chaplains.”

Old Business

- Safe Streets Task Force update.
- Bon Secours Community Hospital drill update — drill scheduled for December 5th.
- Grant reimbursements are being submitted for traffic safety and DASNY grants.
- NICHE RMS Conversion — the department is working with Orange County to implement the NICHE Records Management System, targeted for FY 2026.

Committee Comments

- Mr. Siegel discussed concerns regarding reckless operation of E-bikes and E-scooters, as well as motorists running the red light in the westbound lane at Jersey Avenue and East Main Street, creating a hazard for pedestrians.
- Ms. Fuller discussed the status of the department's sidearm replacement program. A sidearm upgrade is being researched with potential implementation in 2026.

Public Comment

No public comment received.

Executive Session

7:23 p.m. – 7:34 p.m. Topic: Discussion of crossing guard candidate(s).

Meeting Adjourned: 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

William J. Worden

Chief of Police