

Seymour Police Department
Board of Police Commissioners
Regular Meeting

Wednesday, August 12, 2026

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DATE: 8/17/26
TIME: 9:15 AM
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Members Present: David Bitso, John Duke, Robert J. Koskelowski and Kyle Kelley

Members Absent: Tom LaPaglia

Also Present: Chief John Bucherati, Deputy Chief Michael Fappiano, Inspector Joseph Matusovich, Officer David Gallo, Officer Ismael Herrera, Officer David Parratt, Retired Officer Brian Barrett and members of the public.

1) Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

2) Pledge of Allegiance

3) Public Comment: Michael Rubin of 211 Woodlawn Drive, Seymour, CT stated that about a half dozen e-bikes have been going through Meadow Brook Estates which is private property with "No Trespassing" signs and asked for more police patrol. Chief Bucherati stated he will have officers patrol the area.

4) Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting on July 8, 2026

Motion to accept regular minutes from July 8, 2026 by Koskelowski/Duke

Motion Passed 4-0

5) Management Report

Chief Bucherati stated that overtime is a concern as it has been in the last few years and he informed the BOF. There are three officers on short-term disability and one is coming back this week. There are currently two candidates in the background phase. Recruit Megan McFarland resigned from the Seymour Police Department on July 14th. Officer Chacho and Officer Marinella continue to progress and are doing well. Officer Marinella completed his field training and went on his own since July 31st. The SRO positions were posted and met with Everbridge Technologies for the new "Code Red" system for the Town of Seymour. An evidence audit to comply with accreditation standards was completed. The Red White and Boom fireworks took place with no issues. The Sgt. Exam is scheduled for October 7, 2026 and four officers signed up. Chief Bucherati completed and submitted the Federal Equitable Sharing that is required annually for distribution of asset forfeiture funds. The comp time valuation report for the fiscal year 2026 was valued at \$87,599. Due to an officer's resignation, Chief Bucherati and Deputy Chief Fappiano began interviewing for a potential candidate. Officer David Butler completed our FBI NCIC audit and we are in compliance with the State of Connecticut. Officer Satkowski put in for the SRO position at the High School and Officer Baldwin put in for the SRO position at the Middle School. The next step is to meet with each principal to discuss expectations for the SRO role. Chief Bucherati attended a Q&A session at the Community Center

to answer questions from seniors regarding fraud. Chief Bucherati attended a BOF Meeting to discuss budget transfers. Chief Bucherati testified in Federal Court in the case of the 2nd Amendment Lawsuit brought against him by a resident claiming that CT and Federal Laws prohibit the sale and purchase of firearms to those under the age of 21 are unconstitutional. The Town of Seymour prevailed in the case finding the Seymour plaintiff had no standing to pursue such an argument. Retired Officer Brian Barrett was invited to be present at this meeting for the Board Members to wish him well. Retired Officer Barrett spoke to the Board Members about his years as a Police Officer and how it was when he first began his career in 1974 and compared it to retiring last month and talked about the many changes that took place. Commissioner Koskelowski spoke about working with Officer Barrett since the 1970's and talked about his years of working together and some of the changes that occurred since then. Officer Herrera attended the meeting to introduce his K-9, Izzy to the Board Members who stated he is a one-year old male who's a good dog and he will have training for the next three months in the academy.

6) Commissioner Comment

All Commissioners commended Retired Officer Brian Barrett for retiring after 51 years as a Seymour Police Officer. Commissioner Koskelowski asked if Chief Bucherati attended a meeting about plate readers in Milford. Chief Bucherati stated he will discuss it at a later time in the meeting.

Motion to add to the agenda to move the BOPC meeting on November 11, 2026 to Thursday, November 12, 2026 due to Veteran's Day by Koskelowski/Duke

Motion Passed 4-0

Motion to move BOPC meeting from November 11, 2026 to Thursday, November 12, 2026 by Duke/Koskelowski

Motion Passed 4-0

Commissioner Duke commended officers for the recent car break-ins. Chief Bucherati stated that officers are patrolling the areas.

7) Old Business:

- a. Patrol Reports – Commissioner Koskelowski brought up the e-bikes being an issue on the roads and sidewalks in the Town of Seymour and would like officers to patrol. Chief Bucherati will post flyers on social media regarding e-bikes. Commissioner Koskelowski commended the Detective Bureau on catching the people who broke into and vandalized the Community Center and would like the food pantry to be compensated for the damages.
- b. Detective Reports – no comments
- c. K-9 Reports – no comments
- d. SRO Reports – no comments
- e. Car Reports – Commissioner Koskelowski stated a few cars went in for repairs this past month which is concerning. Chief Bucherati stated that the truck is on order and one is currently being outfitted.

8) New Business:

- a. Executive Session regarding SRO positions and funding

Motion to go into Executive Session at 6:50 p.m. regarding SRO positions and funding with possible action regarding several promotions and funding with the Board Members, Chief John Bucherati, Deputy Chief Michael Fappiano and Inspector Joe Matusovich by Duke/Koskelowski

Motion Passed 4-0

Motion to return from Executive Session at 7:04 p.m. regarding SRO positions and funding by Kelley/Duke

Motion Passed 4-0

- b. Possible action regarding SRO positions and funding

Chief Bucherati stated that on August 7, 2026, Governor Ned Lamont put out a moratorium to municipalities regarding safety cameras and automated license plate readers and requested municipalities to put a hold on installing them due to privacy concerns. Chief Bucherati requested that the Board Members put a pause on this for now. All Board Members agreed for Chief Bucherati to continue researching the companies, but put a pause on installing the cameras.

- 9) Correspondence:** Chief Bucherati stated that they received a letter from the Storm Ambulance & Rescue Corps Special Hazards Team for their support of the 3rd Annual Ambulance Driver 5K. Commissioner Bitso stated that the Seymour Lions Club is asking for a full page ad from the Seymour Police Department.

Motion to take \$100 from the community account for a full page ad in the Seymour Lions Club by Koskelowski/Duke

Motion Passed 4-0

10) Other Business: No Comments

11) Commissioner Comments: No Comments

12) Union Business:

- a. Executive Session regarding MOU pertaining to scoring for Sgt. Exam

Motion to go into Executive Session at 7:12 p.m. regarding MOU pertaining to scoring for Sgt. Exam with Board Members, Chief John Bucherati and Deputy Chief Michael Fappiano by Koskelowski/Duke

Motion Passed 4-0

- b. Possible action regarding MOU for Sgt. Exam Scoring

Motion to return from Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. regarding MOU pertaining to scoring for Sgt. Exam with no actions or votes taken by Koskelowski/Duke

Motion Passed 4-0

13) Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting by Duke/Kelley

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Motion Passed 4-0