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Seymour Police Department
Board of Police Commissioners
Special Meeting
Wednesday, January 14, 2026

Members Present: David Bitso, John Duke, Steven P. Kulas and Robert J. Koskelowski

Members Absent: Kyle Kelley

Also Present: First Selectwoman Annmarie Drugonis, Chief John Bucherati, Deputy Chief Michael Fappiano, Inspector Joe Matusovich, Officer Parratt, Officer C. Tomasella, Officer Gallo and members of the public.

- 1) **Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.**
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3) **Public Comment:** No Comments
- 4) **Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting on December 10, 2025**
Motion to accept minutes from December 10, 2025 by Duke/Kulas

Motion Passed 4-0

5) Management Report:

Chief Bucherati stated that the budget is where it should be except for overtime. There are currently two vacancies. There was a lateral transfer, a new candidate started and a recruit started at POST. There are four officers in various training academies and interviewed a lateral candidate and are currently in the background phase for another candidate. Chief Bucherati updated and disseminated the new Statewide Uniform Crowd Control Policy that was issued by POSTC. There were no issues with the events that took place in December and all were a success. Chief Bucherati attended various meetings in December and also met with David Martin at Northwest CMED to discuss the dispatch transition. If the funding for the project is approved, he stated they will begin to implement a comprehensive transition plan. Chief Bucherati attended Recruit T. Tomasella's graduation in December and he is doing well on his 12 week FTO program.

6) Commissioner Comments: no comments

7) Old Business:

- a. Patrol Reports – no comments
- b. Detective Reports – no comments
- c. K-9 Reports – no comments
- d. SRO Reports – no comments
- e. Car Reports – Commissioner Koskelowski asked about a car that keeps getting repaired. Deputy Chief Fappiano stated that the car has some issues and keeps getting repaired under its warranty. Chief Bucherati stated that

hopefully they can transition to the model they discussed to avoid any kind of issues with vehicles. Commissioner Koskelowski asked how many cars are used for patrol. Deputy Chief Fappiano stated there are about 18 cars and about 12 are used as frontline vehicles.

1. K-9 Discussion

Officer Gallo stated he reached out to other departments to compare the number of officers with K-9's and used ChatGPT to create a list of the types of breeds used in K-9 and recommended a dual purpose German Shepherd as the best option. Officer Gallo and Commissioners discussed the different breeds, their purposes and their life span. Chief Bucherati stated that there is selection process and they currently have a list for officers to sign up for a K-9 and they will involve the Board Members.

Motion to add a second dog to the Seymour Police Department by Duke/Koskelowski.

Motion Passed 4-0

8) New Business:

1. New Schedule

Motion to add the new schedule to the meeting by Duke/Kulas

Motion Passed 4-0

Motion to approve the 2026 Meeting Schedule and to move the February meeting from the second Wednesday to the third Wednesday which is February 18, 2026 by Koskelowski/Duke

Motion Passed 4-0

- 9) Correspondence:** Commissioner Bitso read a letter addressed to the Police Commissioners and the Seymour Police Department from the Town of Seymour extending their appreciation for their donation of \$200 to the Richard R. Pearson Memorial Fund that they received in December.

10) Other Business: None

- 11) Commissioner Comments:** Commissioner Koskelowski stated that he saw on Facebook that Commissioner Kulas is retiring. Commissioner Kulas stated that he retired as a volunteer for the Strand Theatre and will soon be retiring from the Bar and is officially resigning as Police Commissioner at the end of this meeting, effective January 14, 2026. Commissioner Kulas commended Chief Bucherati and the Commissioners for the opportunity to serve on the Board. Commissioner Bitso also commended Commissioner Kulas. Chief Bucherati stated on behalf of the administration, he wished him well. Commissioner Koskelowski commended Commissioner Kulas for everything he has done for the Town of Seymour.

- 12) Union Business:** Officer Parratt stated on behalf of the Union, he commended Commissioner Kulas for a job well done and wished him well in his future.

13) Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting by Koskelowski/Kulas

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Motion Passed 4-0



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December 15, 2025

Dear Seymour Police Department and Police Commissioners,

Thank you very much for your generous donation of \$200.00 to the Richard R. Pearson Memorial Fund. On behalf of the Town of Seymour and our residents currently serving in the military, we extend our deepest appreciation for your continued support and generosity.

This year, we received fourteen names of service members, and your contribution has directly helped brighten their holidays. Your kindness ensures that our military personnel feel remembered, appreciated, and supported by their hometown community. We know they are truly grateful.

Very truly yours,

The Richard R. Pearson Memorial Committee
c/o Seymour Town Clerk's Office