



Public Safety & Health Committee - Board of Representatives

Gloria DePina, Chair

Matthew Quinones, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Thursday, October 29, 2015

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: Republican Caucus Room, 4th Floor Government Center,
888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford CT

The Public Safety & Health Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair DePina, Vice Chair Quinones and Committee Member Reps. Adams, Caterbone, Kolenberg and Zelinsky. Absent or excused were Committee Member Reps. Coppola and Moore. Also present were Rep. Buckman; Ted Jankowski, Director of Public Safety, Health & Welfare; and Officer Molina and Lieutenant Hohn of the Stamford Police Department.

Chair DePina called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. PS29.050	REVIEW; Domestic Violence Reports in Stamford and Possible Mitigation Initiatives. 07/08/15 – Submitted by Rep. Buckman 07/13/15 – Held at Steering 09/16/15 – Held at Steering	Report Made

Rep. Buckman explained that he placed in on the agenda because of a perceived increase in the number of domestic violence reports and asked the Department of Public Safety if there was anything that the Board could do to try to address this situation.

Director Jankowski stated that the Police Department is very proactive in seeking to prevent Domestic Violence.

Lieutenant Hohn and Officer Molina stated that

- in 2014 there were 348 domestic violence cases and 179 arrests
- the City received a federal grant to collaborate with the DVCC and the courts to streamline their practices, which include a home visit program and an expansion of the unit, making Stamford a prototype; this grant has terminated but they have continued the practices
- Officer Molina reaches out to the Hispanic community
- These practices have prevented an uptick in cases
- They have also been working with DCF

- They are adopting a state process which permits them to address a potential situation immediately and to remove the aggressor – this will begin next week
- They also work with other community organizations
- The laws addressing domestic violence are state statutes
- The rates this year seem to be consistent with last year

As a Secondary Committee:

1. [LR29.052](#) ORDINANCE, for publication; Amending Chapter 111. Public Safety and Animal Welfare.
06/02/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin and Rep. Heaphy

Chair DePina adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gloria DePina, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).