

Connecticut Municipal Animal Control Officers Association

Meeting open to All Members

29 November 2023 / North Haven Police Department, North Haven, CT

Zoom & In - Person Meeting

Meeting called to order 1804hours by Chrystal, Dave Carney Seconded.

ATTENDEES

President - Chrystal Rashba, Vice President - Monica Vece,
Secretary - Brittany Tooth, Treasurer - Sarah Roberts

Guest Speaker - State ACO Charles DellaRocco

Twenty Five Animal Control Officers also present.

AGENDA

Old Business

Secretary Read Last Meeting Minutes

- How the Police Accountability Act affects us
- Importing concerns - how can we strengthen our laws
- Southbury mentioned as possibility for next ACO Conference

New Business

The President introduced C.DellaRocco and briefly went over why we are here. Explained that a Survey Monkey will be issued tomorrow to get a general overview of everyones thoughts and how we will proceed.

- C.DellaRocco explained his thoughts, research findings and his position on how the Police Accountability Act affects us and how he believes we should proceed. Believes a letter needs to be drafted to send to the legislative to iron out responsibilities and rights and dictate "what we are." Either a letter written as a group or individually. Letters from friends and family could be sent too.

Les Archer and Steve Rupsis believe going to the capital and presenting a letter as a unit could make a big impact. Believe the Image of Animal Control has to change. We should all be professional, no matter how small. Ex - all need to wear uniforms.

Officers would like to see it in writing, what we are required to have according to the laws, ex - body cams, dash cams, vests, etc - to help hold their departments accountable as many do not want to comply

Thoughts on changing the Academy to Post Certified - this could help with being considered first responders.

- The President announced that the Conference Committee will begin to meet again in January if anyone would like to join. Any location ideas to be emailed to info@ctaco.org

Please suggested wedding venues, and possibly putting the deposit to hold the casino for those dates, in case no other option is found.

Two hotels in Southbury were mentioned, Heritage Hotel & Wyndham of Southbury.

- Re-Discussion on the recent effects from Importing.

Require importers to notify the department when and how many they are importing, instead of notifying when they have events.

Tanya suggested a # limit of animals imported per month per organization

Barb mentioned Bond or Tax amount per animal brought up

The new dog virus and our increasing impound #s could help tighten up regulations

Please suggested a committee just for this

- Please notified us all of a “Mobile Vet” transferring dogs out of state for low cost services. She is trying to further an investigation if anyone comes upon any further information.
Bully Zone K9 Clinic - Bank Rollz Bulldogs LLC believe to be out of NJ

Les Archer motioned to Adjourn Meeting at 1935 hours, Dana Sands Seconded.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, December 19, 2023 at 1800 hours at Teddy B's Restaurant, Bethany. Meeting will only be for the Executive Board to further review Survey Data and discuss further actions.