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POLICE COMMITTEE
October 19, 2026
Meeting Minutes
Police Department Training Room
1710 Plainfield Road

1. **Call to Order**
   The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in attendance were Alderman Joseph Kenny, Alderman Eric Gustafson, Alderman Ralph Stompanato, Chief Greg Thomas and Deputy Chief Austin Jump.

2. **Public Comment and Communications**
   No Public Comment

3. **Approval of the minutes from the September 21, 2026 meeting**
   Alderman Stompanato motioned to approve the minutes seconded by Alderman Gustafson. The minutes were approved.

4. **Consideration of a motion execute an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the County of DuPage and the City of Darien for continued participation in the DuPage County Police Records Management System (PRMS) Consortium**
   Chief Thomas advised that Darien has been part of the PRMS consortium for over 7 years. He described the process of how a 911 call generates a CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) message to the officer's car MPS (Mobile Police Systems). The officer writes his report in FBR (Field Based Reporting). Once the officer finishes his report he submits to the RMS (Records Management System) Most agencies within DuPage County participate in the consortium. It provides shared information among the agencies. This is an extension of the agreement with the exception of the vendor name changing from Hexagon to the new vendor Mark 43.

   Alderman Kenny asked if there will be an overlap between the two agreements. Chief advised there may be a slight overlap. Chief heard there may be a 17% savings with the new vendor but they are still negotiating the new contract. He believes that it will be very close to the current contract's cost.

   Alderman Stompanato motioned to approve seconded by Alderman Gustafson. The motion was approved.

5. **Consideration of a motion authorizing the Mayor to execute a collective bargaining agreement between the City of Darien and the Metropolitan Alliance of Police Chapter #48**
   Chief Thomas informed the committee that there are 33 members of the union 28 officers and 5 sergeants. There have been several meetings between the union and police administration to negotiate the contract. He listed some of the highlights of the new contract such as longevity and bilingual pay. A discussion ensued about the different types of languages the officers speak and the various interpreter services that are used by the department.

   Alderman Gustafson motioned to approve seconded by Alderman Stompanato. The motion was approved.

6. **Consideration of an ordinance banning the retail sale of kratom products**
   Deputy Chief Jump briefed the committee on what kratom products are and the serious health risks associated with the use of the product such as seizures and substance abuse disorders. He informed them that the FDA has not approved kratom products and they have issued warnings about the serious health risks from using the product. Under current Illinois law kratom products are banned for use by anyone under the age of 18 years old. The proposed ordinance will prohibit the sale of kratom products for adults over 18. There are many nearby cities and towns that have already banned them such as Naperville and Plainfield.

   A member of the public made a statement to the committee about kratom products reiterating that they are not regulated by the FDA. The addiction timeline for the product is quick. It is difficult for consumers to distinguish what they are getting in these products. It's being marketed as an all-natural and packaged to look like candy. There have been deaths attributed to kratom products in DuPage County.

   Alderman Stompanato motioned to approve seconded by Alderman Gustafson. The motion was approved.

7. **Next Meeting Date – Monday November 16, 2026**

8. **Adjournment**
   The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Approved: _____ Alderman: _____
Date Eric Gustafson

Chairman: _____ Alderman: _____
Joseph Kenny Ralph Stompanato