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Edward Tuccio,
Complainant(s)
against

Notice of Meeting

Docket #FIC 2012-398

Chief, Police Department, Town of Ridgefield;
and Police Department, Town of Ridgefield,
Respondent(s)

March 28, 2013

Transmittal of Proposed Final Decision

In accordance with Section 4-179 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Freedom of Information Commission hereby transmits to you the proposed finding and decision prepared by the hearing officer in the above-captioned matter.

This will notify you that the Commission will consider this matter for disposition at its meeting which will be held in the Freedom of Information Commission Hearing Room, 18-20 Trinity Street, 1st floor, Hartford, Connecticut, at **2 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10, 2013**. At that time and place you will be allowed to offer oral argument concerning this proposed finding and order. Oral argument shall be limited to ten (10) minutes. For good cause shown, however, the Commission may increase the period of time for argument. A request for additional time must be made in writing and should be filed with the Commission **ON OR BEFORE April 5, 2013**. Such request **MUST BE (1) copied to all parties, or if the parties are represented, to such representatives, and (2) include a notation indicating such notice to all parties or their representatives.**

Although a brief or memorandum of law is not required, if you decide to submit such a document, the Commission requests that an **original and fourteen (14) copies** be filed **ON OR BEFORE April 5, 2013**. **PLEASE NOTE: Any correspondence, brief or memorandum directed to the Commissioners by any party or representative of any party MUST BE (1) copied to all parties, or if the parties are represented, to such representatives, (2) include a notation indicating such notice to all parties or their representatives and (3) be limited to argument. NO NEW EVIDENCE MAY BE SUBMITTED.**

If you have already filed a brief or memorandum with the hearing officer and wish to have that document distributed to each member of the Commission, it is requested that **fourteen (14) copies** be filed **ON OR BEFORE April 5, 2013**, and that **notice be given to all parties or if the parties are represented, to their representatives, that such previously filed document is being submitted to the Commissioners for review.**

By Order of the Freedom of
Information Commission

W. Paradis
Acting Clerk of the Commission

Notice to: Edward Tuccio
Nathan Zezula, Esq.

3/28/2013/FIC# 2012-398/Trans/wrbp/VDH/CAL

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by

Report of Hearing Officer

Edward Tuccio,

Complainant

against

Docket #FIC 2012-398

Chief, Police Department,
Town of Ridgefield; and
Police Department, Town
of Ridgefield,

Respondents


March 27, 2013

The above-captioned matter was scheduled to be heard as a contested case on March 27, 2013, at 9:30 A.M., at which time the respondents and their counsel appeared, but the complainant did not appear to prosecute the case.

It is noted that both Chief of Police John Roche and Major Steven Brown appeared at the hearing with their counsel and were prepared to testify in this case. Counsel represented that he and his two witnesses had traveled to Hartford from Ridgefield and, in order to arrive at the Commission for the 9:30 AM contested case hearing, the parties were required to depart Ridgefield prior to 7:00 AM.

The following order by the Commission is hereby recommended on the basis of the record concerning the above-captioned complaint:

1. The complaint is hereby dismissed.
2. The complainant is admonished for his failure to appear at the hearing in this matter, which failure resulted in a waste of scarce state and local resources.



Valicia Dee Harmon
as Hearing Officer