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Town of Suffield Initiates Operational Study of Police Department

Suffield, Conn.: The Town of Suffield and the Chief of Police, in consultation with the Suffield Police Commission, announce today the implementation of an operational study of the Suffield Police Department to begin immediately. Conducted by the Daigle Law Group, LLC, ("DLG") the effort includes a review of law enforcement best practices relative to the department's day-to-day procedures. The process, estimated to last between three and six months, will culminate in data-supported recommendations designed to enhance the workings of the department.

The decision to proceed with the assessment coincides with a concern raised by a resident and possible litigation discussed in executive session at a Special Meeting of the Police Commission on January 3, 2019. Although executive sessions are confidential in nature, First Selectman Melissa M. Mack stated, "This is a next step in proactive measures taken to support the Police Chief's goal of making the Suffield Police Department a model of 21st century policing." Chief of Police Richard Brown also commented that, "The department is committed to embracing modern police practices and a community policing philosophy to improve our level of service."

Attorney Eric P. Daigle, in his presentation for police consulting services on behalf of DLG, noted his firm's "focus on police best practices, specifically in the areas of policy development, training, investigation, and operations." A former Connecticut State Police Detective, Mr. Daigle provides combined expertise in both law enforcement and civil rights. He currently serves as general counsel for the Federal Bureau of Investigation Law Enforcement Executive Development Association and is Vice Chairman of the Legal Officers Section of the International Association for the Chiefs of Police (IACP).

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