

Warwick Police Department

PERSONNEL NARRATIVE FOR OFFICER GREGORY L JOHNSON

Ref: 19-1839-OF

On April 12, 2019, Officer Johnson received a traffic survey from Councilman McAllister regarding parking on Chapmans Avenue. A resident requested parking restrictions in the area of Greenwich Avenue, where there are frequent reports of commercial / truck traffic parking on the street while patronizing the 24 hour Seasons Market and Dunkin located at 708 Greenwich Ave. In subsequent emails, the complainant cited noise, nuisance complaints as well as trucks blocking driveways, right wheels to curb, and occasionally parking on both sides of the road obstructing traffic.

At 7:20 a.m., the officer responded to that area and noted that eight vehicles parked in that area during a 30 minute period while at least some of the occupants patronized the convenience store or Dunkin. Of those vehicles: three were passenger cars; two were moving trucks; one was a flat bed truck; one was a pick up truck hauling a compressor; and one was a city sanitation truck. All but the sanitation truck had parked on the north side of the street closest to the business. All left within a few minutes of parking.

The road surface is 29 feet wide, with an additional 9 foot shoulder adjacent to the Season's property. It is sufficiently wide enough to accommodate parking on the north side of the roadway. A driveway which exited from the store onto Chapmans Ave., was removed when the business was remodeled last year. In addition, they installed a privacy fence and shrubbery along the south side of the property which borders Chapmans Ave. The parking lot itself is often too congested for commercial vehicles to park off the roadway in the lot.

Officer Johnson spoke to the resident at 420 Chapmans Avenue who complained about vehicles left running, noise and double parking in the early morning hours. He was told that many of his complaints, some of which he had photographed, were already violations. Vehicles left running unattended; vehicles double parked; parked left wheels to curb; or blocking driveways are already prohibited and worthy of a complaint to the police. He requested that the street be posted no parking and no thru trucking.

No thru trucking signs are difficult to enforce since many trucks frequent the neighborhood for legitimate purposes. In addition, the roadway, and shoulder area are of sufficient width to support some parking. The resident's complaints certainly have merit even though they abut a busy interchange and a 24 hour Seasons Market / Dunkin.

It is Officer Johnson's recommendation that the south side of the street from the large pine tree at the residence of #406 Chapmans Avenue to Greenwich Avenue be posted: "No Parking here to corner." A post and sign would have to be erected at 406 Chapmans Ave. (near the tree) while another "No Parking" sign could be posted on the pole near 420 Chapmans Ave. This should alleviate some of the congestion and parking issues, so long as the residents report violations when they arise.



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Incident Report

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Incident #: 19-1839-OF
Call #: 19-24141

Date/Time Reported: 04/08/2019 1131
Report Date/Time: 04/08/2019 1133
Status: No Crime Involved

Reporting Officer: Officer Gregory Johnson
Approving Officer: Sergeant Robert Hart

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

EVENTS (S)

LOCATION TYPE: Highway/Road/Alley/Street Zone: RD 266 (POST 15)
415 CHAPMANS AVE @ 734 GREENWICH AVE
WARWICK RI

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