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Trumbull Police Commission Meeting  
Long Hill Conference Room – Trumbull Town Hall  
Tuesday, March 13, 2012

MINUTES

The Trumbull Police Commission Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

Members Present: Jack Testani, Chairman  
Philip DiGennaro  
Alfred Liggins  
Albert Zarnary

Also Present: First Selectman Herbst  
Chief Thomas Kiely  
Deputy Chief Glenn Byrnes  
Deputy Chief Michael Harry  
Attorney Edward Walsh  
Detective Robert Coppola  
Lieutenant Richard Applebaum

Absent: Anna Henry

**Public Comments**

Opened at 7:15 pm.

There were no public comments.

Chairman Jack Testani closed the Public Comments at 7:16 pm.

**Approval of January 11, 2012 Police Commission Meeting Minutes**

Chairman Testani requested a motion to approve the Police Commission Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2012. MOTION made (Commissioner Zarnary), 2nd (Commissioner DiGennaro).

There was no further discussion. MOTION CARRIED WITH ONE ABSTENTION, COMMISSIONER LIGGINS.

### **Correspondence**

None.

### **Chief Kiely's Report**

Chief Kiely informed the Police Commission that the State of Connecticut is looking into consolidating the emergency dispatch centers (PSAPs) in the state. The Chief attended the presentation on the study and found that many police and fire officials are opposing the recommendations made in the study.

The Office of Emergency Management comes under the Trumbull Police Department and the main shelter for the town is Trumbull High School. Prior to renovation, the kitchen, heat and office ran through the generator. Now that the renovation has been completed those areas are not connected through the generator. This would be a problem should we ever need to use the High School as a shelter. The Board of Education has been informed of this and they are working to resolve the problem. The commission requested that an update be provided by the next meeting in April, or sooner.

Regarding Patrol activity, the Police Department responded to 206 False Burglar Alarms and 158 Medical calls during the month of January. The Police Department responded to 198 Burglar Alarms and 134 Medical calls during the month of February. The officers normally respond to an average of eight (8) False Alarms a day. Medical calls take a large amount of time from patrol but the officers do a great job in attending those calls. They have saved many lives and on average they respond to 5-6 calls per day.

The Police Department has one (1) officer working with State Wide Narcotics, one (1) officer working with the FBI and one (1) officer working with the Gang Enforcement Unit in Bridgeport.

Deputy Chief Harry reported several incidents that occurred in February:

- In February around midnight a family on Grayrock Road was approached by robbers. They took several items from the family and fled the scene. Police were dispatched along with the K-9. The K-9 was able to track down one of the burglars while he was looking through a purse inside another house in the area.
- Deputy Chief Harry reported that a larceny occurred at Macy's. These were professional thieves and were seen through cameras coming in and out of the back room. The robbers took approximately \$15,000 worth of merchandise. The suspects were identified from Massachusetts and an arrest warrant has been obtained.
- Several months back Deputy Chief Harry reported to the commission that some cases take the Detectives a long time to solve. There was an Attorney from Fairfield that pleaded guilty in a larceny that took 9 months to solve. Detective Sember had a probate case that took 8 months to solve.

- Officer Allen apprehended a female with thirty (30) \$100 counterfeit bills that she was passing at purchases in the mall.
- The Traffic Division assisted Fairfield Police with a fatal accident. The officers are well known for their expertise.
- Drug violations and arrests have increased significantly on the evening shift.
- Hochberg Jewelry was robbed back in 2010. On January 31, 2012 a group of people were arrested by the FBI in New York when they were encountered to a string of robberies, including the Hochberg case in Trumbull.

### **Traffic Report**

Emergency Pre-Emption Signals and Equipment: System allows the normal operation of traffic lights to be preempted, allowing emergency vehicles the right of way to help reduce response times and enhance traffic safety. Devices can be provided by D.O.T. at no additional cost to the Town, however maintenance at the equipment would be the town's responsibility. The fire departments originally requested approval for this system, but no longer want to participate.

Pedestrian crossing issue at Rte 111 & Quality St.: Officer Thompson contacted D.O.T. to check the intersection of Rte 111 & Quality Street regarding pedestrian crossing. There is no traffic signal delay for vehicles when pedestrians cross which creates a safety issue. He also requested that the intersections of Rte 111 @ Rte 127 and @ Quality Street be checked to see if they could be synchronized to eliminate vehicle traffic delays.

The 2011/2012 DUI Enforcement Grant began on November 4, 2011 and will continue through September 7, 2012. 106 citations were issued during the four day enforcement period for February. Two DUI arrests were made during routine patrol. 71 total cases were assigned to the Traffic Division Officers during the month of February. These cases included: 3 motor vehicle complaints; 40 citations (incl. DUI Grant); 20 car seat installations and 4 escorts.

### **Proposed Budget**

Chief informed the commissioners that the meeting with the Board of Finance went well. He is hoping that his request to purchase five (5) new police cars (Chevrolet Caprice) in the FY 2013 budget proposal and additional personnel will be approved.

### **New Business**

#### **Alarm Ordinance**

Chief Kiely informed the Police Commission that he would like to present the Town Council with the Final Proposed False Burglar Alarm Abatement Ordinance with the hopes of obtaining their approval. Chairman Testani volunteered to attend the meeting with the Chief once he is scheduled to meet with the Town Council.

MOTION made by (Commissioner DiGennaro), 2<sup>nd</sup> (Commissioner Liggins) to support the Final Proposed False Burglar Alarm Abatement Ordinance. There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **Hiring Entry Level Test Scores**

Discussion on lowering the entry-level test score from 75 to 70, as this would provide a larger number of eligible applicants. Deputy Chief Harry discussed several other changes he would like to implement on the Hiring Qualifications. The commission asked if all the changes that are being proposed meet Post Standards. Deputy Chief Harry informed the commission that all the proposed changes meet Post Standards.

MOTION made by (Commissioner Zamary), 2<sup>nd</sup> (Commissioner DiGennaro) to accept the proposed hiring qualifications changes. There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **Grievance 12-02**

MOTION made to go into Executive Session to discuss Grievance 12-02. MOTION made at 7:57 p.m. (Commissioner Testani), 2<sup>nd</sup> (Commissioner Liggins). There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Entering into Executive Session: Commissioners Testani, Liggins, DiGennaro and Zamary. Also in Executive Session Chief Kiely, Deputy Chief Harry, Deputy Chief Byrnes, Attorney Edward Walsh, Robert Coppola, Lt. Applebaum and Vivian Munoz.

A motion was made to exit Executive Session at 8:35 p.m. MOTION made (Commissioner DiGennaro), 2<sup>nd</sup> (Commissioner Liggins). There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A motion was made to sustain the denial by Chief Kiely in reference to Grievance No. 12-02. MOTION made (Commissioner DiGennaro), 2<sup>nd</sup> (Commissioner Liggins). There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION made to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. MOTION made at 8:39 p.m. (Commissioner Zamary), 2<sup>nd</sup> (Commissioner DiGennaro). There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Entering into Executive Session: Commissioners Testani, Liggins, DiGennaro and Zamary. Also in Executive Session First Selectman Herbst, Chief Kiely, Deputy Chief Harry, Deputy Chief Byrnes, Attorney Edward Walsh and Vivian Munoz.

A motion was made to exit Executive Session at 9:00 p.m. MOTION made (Commissioner Zamary), 2<sup>nd</sup> (Commissioner Liggins). There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **Adjournment**

Chairman Testani called for a motion to adjourn. MOTION made (Commissioner Liggins), 2<sup>nd</sup> (Chairman DiGennaro) to ADJOURN the Trumbull Police Commission Meeting at 9:02 pm. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vivian Munoz  
Clerk of the Commission