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Trumbull Police Commission Meeting  
Long Hill Conference Room – Trumbull Town Hall  
Tuesday, May 8, 2012

MINUTES

The Trumbull Police Commission Meeting was called to order at 7:38 pm.

Members Present: Jack Testani, Chairman  
Lino Costantini  
Anna Henry  
Roger McGovern  
Albert Zarny

Also Present: Chief Thomas Kiely (arrived at 8:21 p.m.)  
Deputy Chief Glenn Byrnes  
Deputy Chief Michael Harry

Absent: Philip DiGennaro

**Public Comments**

Opened at 7:38 pm.

There were no public comments.

Chairman Jack Testani closed the Public Comments at 7:39 pm.

**Approval of April 10, 2012 Police Commission Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve the Police Commission Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2012. MOTION made (Commissioner Costantini), 2nd (Commissioner Henry). There was no further discussion. MOTION CARRIED WITH ONE ABSTENTION, COMMISSIONER MCGOVERN.

**Correspondence**

None.

## **Chief Kiely's Report**

Deputy Chief Byrnes provided Chief Kiely's report in his absence.

Regarding Patrol activity, the Police Department responded to 222 False Burglar Alarms for the month of April which averages out to 7 a day. Fifteen Drug Violations, 58 thus far this year. The evening shift has stepped up enforcement and has quite a number of cases with drugs of all kinds. The most common now is marijuana. Drug violations also include prescription drugs that are in the possession of those who are not prescribed to them. Arrests for cocaine, crack and heroin are becoming more and more prevalent. In future meetings the commission will be informed of the officers that have been working on directed enforcement for drug violations.

Larceny from motor vehicles have increased throughout the town. A small number occurred in business parking lots and retail lots i.e. the mall and the office buildings on Old Town have been hit, and occasionally the theater on busy weekend nights. The biggest problem is in residential neighborhoods, cars parked in driveways of private homes. All involve unlocked cars where valuables have been left inside. GPS units are commonly stolen, as well as wallets, laptop computers, and power tools. Surrounding towns have had a similar trend. A press release has been given to the media reminding people to lock their cars when parked in a driveway.

There is a new notification system that will be purchased that will allow the police department to send out messages to specific areas in Trumbull, similar to the Reverse 911 system.

In April, officers responded to 146 Medical Calls which averages 5 calls per day. Thus far this year 589 medical calls have been handled. One call involved an overdose on heroin.

There were 1379 calls for the month which is slightly low, but the summer months are coming that are traditionally higher case loads for the department.

Last month's arrests report was presented to the commission. The report shows the type of arrests that are being made. Chairman Testani asked about the failure to appear. Deputy Chief Byrnes explained.

## **Deputy Chief Harry's report**

### **Traffic Report**

- The 2011/2012 DUI Enforcement Grant began on November 2011 and will continue to through September 7, 2012. 91 citations were issued during the four day enforcement period for April.

- The traffic division was called out three (3) times to accident scenes. The most recent on White Plains Road for the child who was struck by a car and suffered a serious leg injury.
- The traffic division as called by the Bridgeport Police department to help investigate the two (2) youths that were hit by a car and also for the Bridgeport Police car accident that occurred on Barnum Avenue. This is a great credit to the Traffic division as they are well respected and are called out to assist other agencies with serious accidents.

### **Training**

All officers are still attending in-service training and we will see an impact on the budget as we end the fiscal year. Training has included NCIC and MRT certification. We need to continue giving the officers this training as they respond to these medical calls every day. There was an incident last Friday; Officer Millington went on the call about a male with a gun in a backpack walking up the street. Officer Millington located the party who pulled out the gun from his backpack, which turned out to be a BB gun. This demonstrates the value of the training that the officers get, teaching them the appropriate response to gun incidents.

Take Back Drugs Day was a huge success which was held on April 28<sup>th</sup> by the DEA and the Police Department. Approximately 127 cars arrived for the event at Daniels Farm School.

A question was asked by Commissioner Zamary as to where we stand with EMS. The First Selectman answered that language is being worked on for an RFP which will allow the town to perform an efficiency audit of the Emergency Medical Service, with reference to response time, the efficiency of staffing models, etc. A RFP will be announced soon so that outside companies may apply.

Chairman Testani asked about the charge that EMS had sent to the Police Department for training. Deputy Chief Byrnes informed the commission that they did meet with the representatives of EMS and their Commission Chairman and they agreed to revisit this at their next meeting. As of now there has been no response.

Deputy Chief Byrnes sits on the Board of the Central Emergency Dispatch. EMS is not satisfied with the dispatching services that are being provided by the Regional Dispatch Center that dispatches for Fire and EMS. They are changing the service from this Center to CMED, which is a Regional Center that dispatches for many other EMS agencies. That is their attempt to resolve that first step in their system. This can be seen as an improvement for their own service and is a concern for the Police Department which has control and responsibility for the PSAP. In addition, the two dispatch centers are currently set up to answer the 911 calls with the two phones picked up simultaneously. It's the only system that is set up to pick up simultaneously anywhere in the State that we know of and it is not working well.

First Selectman asked the Board if there would be support for the town to proceed with an efficiency audit of EMS. The Commission agreed. The First Selectman requested a letter of support from the Board regarding support for the efficiency audit of EMS.

Deputy Chief Harry provided an update on the Personnel/Sick Injury Report.

Commissioner Costantini requested that the board enter into executive session to discuss the report.

MOTION made to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Sick/Injury Report. MOTION made at 8:20 p.m. by (Commissioner Costantini), 2<sup>nd</sup> (Commissioner Henry). There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Entering into Executive Session: Commissioners Testani, Henry, Costantini, McGovern and Zamary. Also in Executive Session First Selectman, Chief Kiely, Deputy Chief Harry, Deputy Chief Byrnes and Vivian Munoz.

A motion was made to exit Executive Session at 8:23 p.m. MOTION made (Commissioner Costantini), 2<sup>nd</sup> (Commissioner Henry). There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Police budget has been approved for FY 2013. The department will be starting a second K-9 unit after July 1<sup>st</sup>.

The two (2) officers in the FTO program are doing well. We have another officer at the academy who will be graduating in July.

An article was in the CT Post regarding the Gang Task Force, where we have an officer assigned. The Chief shared that the Police Department works with the mall regarding the gangs and explained that mall security and the police have been working well together to combat youth problems.

A question was asked about when the mall would be reopening the police substation. The mall is working on relocating the substation again and the Police Department has requested they make this a priority. The mall is also working on the CCTV cameras, as they need to be replaced.

Deputy Chief Byrnes meets with mall management frequently to discuss the security issues. The Commission asked that we provide a status report on the mall activity in the next few months.

One of the two Records Clerks has been absent due to an injury and we do not expect her to return. Chief Kiely had a meeting with Maria Pires and Dan Nelson as to what is going to be done with the position. Sharon Madar assistant to the Detective Bureau will be training to fill in for this position. Once the position is filled with a new employee Sharon Madar will be training that employee.

The second Records Clerk, Becky Martin is retiring from the Police Department effective June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

MOTION made to go into Executive Session to discuss an Internal Affairs Report. MOTION made at 8:40 p.m. by (Commissioner Henry), 2<sup>nd</sup> (Commissioner Costantini). There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Entering into Executive Session: Commissioners Testani, Henry, Costantini, McGovern and Zamary. Also in Executive Session Chief Kiely, Deputy Chief Harry, Deputy Chief Byrnes and Vivian Munoz.

A motion was made to exit Executive Session at 8:52 p.m. MOTION made (Commissioner Costantini), 2<sup>nd</sup> (Commissioner Henry). There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A new hiring test has been posted for police officers. Currently the town has received about 100 applications.

Chief Kiely has received calls from officers that are retiring from area Police Departments and would like to join the Trumbull Police Department. Chief Kiely has informed them to submit an application if they are interested.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn meeting. MOTION made (Commissioner Costantini), 2<sup>nd</sup> (Commissioner Henry) to ADJOURN the Trumbull Police Commission Meeting at 8:55 pm. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vivian Munoz  
Clerk of the Commission