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Trumbull Police Commission Meeting  
Long Hill Conference Room – Trumbull Town Hall  
Tuesday, June 12, 2012

MINUTES

The Trumbull Police Commission Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm.

Members Present: Jack Testani, Chairman  
Lino Costantini  
Philip DiGennaro  
Anna Henry  
Roger McGovern  
Albert Zamar

Also Present: Chief Thomas Kiely  
Deputy Chief Glenn Byrnes  
Deputy Chief Michael Harry

**Public Comments**

Opened at 7:02 pm.

There were no public comments.

Chairman Jack Testani closed the Public Comments at 7:03 pm.

**Approval of May 8, 2012 Police Commission Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve the Police Commission Meeting Minutes of May 8, 2012. MOTION made (Commissioner Costantini), 2nd (Commissioner Henry). There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Correspondence**

- Thank you letter from Redding Police Department for the assistance of motorcycle escort for the funeral of one of their firefighters who passed away in the line of duty.

- Thank you letter from Fairfield Police Department for the assistance with the funeral services for Retired Chief Anthony Mastronardi.
- Thank you letter from Fairfield University for the participation of Detective Brian Weir and Officer Tim Fedor in their annual Jail N' Bail event to benefit Special Olympics CT.
- Thank you letter from a Phoenix Officer Kurtis Menera in assisting with the funeral escort for his grandfather Charles Petrino here in Bridgeport.
- Memo from Lt. Sikora regarding civilian appreciation of Officer Darren Millington and his assistance at the Bow Tie Theater in Quarry Road.

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

Chief Kiely informed the Police Commissioners of several events that occurred during the past week.

- Chief met with First Selectman and Fire Commissioners to discuss the Dispatch Center. On or about July 1<sup>st</sup> EMS will be using CMED as their dispatching service. Chief Kiely explained that CMED is a Fairfield County Dispatch Center for all ambulance services. Commissioner Zamary asked what is the cost for using CMED. Chief Kiely replied that all costs are covered in the EMS budget. EMS and Police representatives are meeting with the Fire Department officials to plan the transition. The Communications Center project has been in the works for the past 7 years with very little progress, but the police radio system is ageing and needs to be updated now. Planning for this is still in the preliminary stage. There are still discussions with the Fire Department as to where they would like to go with the project. Commissioner Costantini asked if EMS is being dispatched by CMED as a larger company would their time in response be better than what we presently have. Chief replied that Trumbull EMS will still be responding and should they be tied up CMED will dispatch another EMS service. Commissioner Testani asked if the goal was to coordinate everything with CMED or is that yet to be determined? Chief Kiely responded that CMED will only take the medical calls and will dispatch EMS only.
- In the past month the Chief spoke with Paul Zitto who is the head of communications for the Department of Public Safety. Paul Zitto has provided information and options for a radio system upgrade. Commissioner DiGennaro asked how the Chief would rate the radio system? It is pretty good; but it is old and needs to be updated.
- Cell Tower, the citing council ruling is in the hands of the Town Attorney to determine what will be done next.
- Training fees have been waived by EMS for recertification of police personnel.
- Becky Martin in the Records Department has retired as of June 1<sup>st</sup> after 23 years at the Police Department. She will be relocating with her husband to Maryland. She was a very dedicated and devoted employee. She will be missed. Civil Service has been given the job description and will post the job soon. Also, in Records the other full-time clerk has been out ill on long term therefore there are two civilian positions that are vacant. Fortunately, Sharon Madar from the Detective Bureau has been filling in for the Records position and has been working overtime. The position needs to be filled as soon as possible.
- Alarm Ordinance-in July the Chief will present this to the Town Council. Commissioner Costantini asked if the fees have been finalized. Chief responded that he would rather

not discuss the fees as they are still in the negotiation phase. Commissioner Costantini asked if the fees are being negotiated by the Town Council or by the Police Department. Chief responded it is being negotiated by both the Town Council and Police Department. Prior to the Chief meeting with the Town Council the Commission would like to receive the proposal that will be presented at the meeting.

- The Special Olympics run was held last week. Our officers ran from Marisa's to St. Joseph's High School. Detective Brian Weir has been working on this annual event for the past 12 years.
- On a sad note Office Ambrose from the Springfield Police Department was killed in the line of duty. Members of the Police Department attended the funeral service.
- Mall Update-the mall has been very quiet lately. Deputy Chief Byrnes continues to be the communication liaison with the mall and has been meeting with them regarding a substation. The Police Departments goal is to have a location where they will be visible. Deputy Chief Byrnes provided an update on the mall's CCTV System per the request of the Commissioners from last month's meeting. The mall expects the camera project to begin within the next several weeks but certainly by the end of the calendar year. They expect to have full coverage in the exterior as well as build out coverage for the interior. Commissioner Testani asked who he is dealing with at the mall. Deputy Chief Byrnes responded that it all depends on the topic, sometimes the General Manager, Brian Gaus but lately it has been with the Assistant General Manager Matt Seebeck. Commissioner Testani had asked regarding the substation, has there been any follow up conversations? Deputy Chief Byrnes responded that there have been conversations; he indicated that the Police Department had an office in the mall but had to be vacated because of the renovation design. They still assure us that they have it on their list to provide a location for the substation. The Police Department is hoping that by the end of the year a location will be selected, especially prior to the holiday season. Commissioner Testani's concern for the public safety and would like the mall to make a commitment in writing that the next available space would be used for a substation. A new development has been assigned which Deputy Chief Byrnes has not met yet; therefore he will need to pick up from where they left off. Deputy Chief Byrnes informed the commission that he will continue to stay in contact with them and will see that the substation goes through. Commissioner DiGennaro asked what exactly are we requesting from the mall. Deputy Chief Byrnes informed him that the Police Department is asking for very basic office space; Commissioner DiGennaro asked who pays for the actual space for the Police Department. Deputy Chief Byrnes informed that the mall provides the space for no cost. Commissioner DiGennaro suggested that the Planning and Zoning should get involved and require that the mall provide a substation. Commissioner Zamary would like to suggest that the mall be given a timeline and come back with a definitive answer in July or August of when the substation will be set up.

Motion made to request the mall to provide Deputy Chief Byrnes with a definitive answer on a substation space by the July 10, 2012 Police Commission meeting. MOTION made (Commissioner Zamary), 2nd (Commissioner Costantini). There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- The Circus will be at the Trumbull Mall the first week of July.
- The FBI Task Force shooting near Avalon Gates received a lot of press. The incident was actually part of a bigger operation. Press Release was handed out to the Commissioners. This was spearheaded by the FBI Safe Streets Task Force, and the CT State Police Statewide Narcotics Unit. In the press release they recognized the hard work of the CT State Police, Bridgeport, Norwalk and Trumbull Police Departments in this ongoing investigation. The Traffic Unit was requested by the FBI for reconstruction of the crime scene which is quite a compliment for the officers and the good work they do. This was a high profile case. Commissioner Testani requested a summary of the lockdown at French Town Elementary School. The lock down was due to the incident that occurred near Avalon Gates, it was done as a precautionary measure. Chief complimented the entire department. Commissioner Costantini complimented the entire chain of command.

### **Deputy Chief Byrnes report**

#### **Patrol Division**

In May the Call List was over 13,000 calls for patrol. Burglar Alarms 186 calls, YTD through end of May there were almost 1,000. Drug Violations, 13, YTD 71 calls, last year there were 10 YTD. Officers in the evening shift have been very proactive in targeting all types of drug violations. There was another overdose case which involved Heroin; many of the other drug violations included marijuana, heroin, crack and cocaine arrests as well. The K-9 officer found a man smoking crack in a commuter parking lot last week. So far this year, there have been over 700 emergency medical calls handled.

For the month of May there have been 68 criminal arrests, including, larceny, shoplifting, breach of peace and domestics. This year there have been over 70 domestics that officers have responded, 27 of which have been categorized as violent domestics.

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

#### **Traffic Report**

- Request for Stop Sign on Lobsterback Road and Tory Lane. Officer Thompson checked the area and recommended that two stop signs be posted at the intersection of Lobster Road.

Motion made to approve 2-way stop sign be posted at the intersection of Lobsterback Road and Tory Lane. MOTION made (Commissioner Costantini), 2nd (Commissioner Henry). There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Highway Department will be notified to place the stop signs and will have the traffic division oversee where the stop signs are placed.

- Speeding Vehicles on Killian Avenue. State DOT changed the timing on the traffic light on Rte 111 and Edison Road. State DOT has been notified to review this and to try to find a solution.
- Speeding complaint on Garwood Road, Patrol has been notified and will monitor.

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

- Last month the average sick time was 4.7 days. There are a few long term injuries that have returned on light duty. Next month there will be a year-to-date printout of sick time and any officers with excessive absence will be notified.

Chief Kiely also reported a traffic issue, he spoke with Nichols and Long Hill Fire Chiefs who use the preemption devices for traffic lights and the question came about, as to who will be responsible for the maintenance. Since the Fire Department is the only one using it, they have indicated that they will maintain them.

Deputy Chief Harry reported on the Detective Bureau.

- The Detective Bureau is down to seven (7) detectives since Detective Klopfer retired. They have some very involved cases, including a large gift card fraud that was recently discovered. Another case that they are working on is an identity theft that involved numerous banks throughout the State and a suspect with many local and Federal Warrants. The suspect is currently in custody in another jurisdiction and we have submitted a warrant for her arrest.
- Detectives are working with other departments regarding the motor vehicle break-ins. There has been a dramatic increase within the last 2 months. Two groups have been apprehended who have been breaking into cars in business parking lots and some private driveways. The Detective Bureau would like to remind residents to lock your cars and take any valuable items out of your vehicles.
- Two new officers are about to complete the FTO program, Officers Edwards and Perkowski. They will be considered full man power by July and will be on their own. Officer Siljamaki will be graduating in the middle of July. He is doing well and will be on the FTO program for 3 months.
- Commissioner Testani asked how many police officer applications were received. Deputy Chief Harry reported that 172 applications were received and 140 applicants took the written test. Civil Service will compile the report on the passing applicants and then an oral board will be conducted by the Bruce Davey Testing Company.
- With the exception of the salaries and the overtime that were incurred during the storms last year and other issues in town, the department is expected to balance its budget. The Police Department will not have to ask for any supplemental. Deputy Chief Harry spoke with Finance regarding the salaries and was informed that would be covered by a contingency account.
- Extracurricular training had to be placed on hold as there is no money to continue training for this fiscal year.
- Commissioner Zamary asked how close the department is to full capacity of officers. Deputy Chief Harry informed the commission that there are currently 72 officers. The Police Department is funded for 73 officers for the upcoming fiscal year.

### **Old Business**

None.

### **New Business**

Chief Kiely reported that the promotional list for Sergeant that is in place will expire in October 2012. He would like to promote a Sergeant from that list. If they let the list expire then a new test will need to be given and the process will take longer. He anticipates a vacancy for a Sergeant since one is retiring soon. The promoted Sergeant would be trained during the summer working from 12 noon to 8 p.m. shift so the Sergeant can train for both day and evening shift.

The Commission agreed to have a Special Meeting on June 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at Police Headquarters to interview the top 3 candidates from the list. The top 3 candidates will be notified that the Commission will be re interviewing the candidates as there is a new Police Commission Board.

Commissioner Testani assigned Commissioners DiGennaro, Costantini and Henry to follow up with Chief Kiely on personnel staffing and what needs to be done to get a position for computer forensics investigations. Also Commissioners McGovern and Zamary were asked to work with Lt. Savarese on Traffic Issues.

Commissioner Zamary requested that the board enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

MOTION made to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. MOTION made at 8:25 p.m. by (Commissioner Zamary), 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, DiGennaro, 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 8:35 p.m. MOTION made (Commissioner Costantini), 2<sup>nd</sup> (Commissioner Henry). There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn meeting. MOTION made (Commissioner Costantini), 2<sup>nd</sup> (Commissioner Zamary) to ADJOURN the Trumbull Police Commission Meeting at 8:36 pm. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vivian Munoz  
Clerk of the Commission

