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Trumbull Police Commission Meeting  
Long Hill Conference Room – Trumbull Town Hall  
Tuesday, August 14, 2012

The Trumbull Police Commission Meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm.

Members Present: Jack Testani, Chairman  
Anna Henry  
Roger McGovern  
Albert Zamarly

Also Present: Chief Thomas Kiely  
Deputy Chief Michael Harry  
Deputy Chief Glenn Byrnes  
Joseph C. Balskus – Tighe & Bond  
Barbara Crandall – EMS  
John Butkus – EMS  
Joe Rodriguez – EMS Commissioner  
Mike Delvecchio, EMS Director of Operations

Absent: Philip DiGennaro  
Lino Costantini

**Public Comments**

Opened at 7:08 pm.

There were no public comments.

Chairman Jack Testani closed the Public Comments at 7:09 pm.

## **Approval of July 10, 2012 Police Commission Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve the Police Commission Meeting Minutes of July 10, 2012. MOTION made (Commissioner Zamarly), 2nd (Commissioner Henry). There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **Traffic Issues**

Joe Balskus from Tighe & Bond was present to discuss the Bridgeport Hospital project that will be located on 5520 Park Avenue, Trumbull. He provided a detailed report on the traffic re-design on Park Avenue. He discussed the study he has done to improve the traffic flow on Park Avenue. They are looking to re-stripe the road and install signal lights at the Southbound and Northbound Exits of the Merritt Parkway, and at the exit of the 5520 Park Avenue building. They are anticipating an increase of 200 to 300 trips during the morning and afternoon peak. Commissioner Testani asked if the traffic plans have been approved. Mr. Balskus indicated that State DOT has not yet approved it. Chairman Testani asked how the policing will be handled since the property is between Bridgeport and Trumbull. Chief Kiely responded that both Bridgeport and Trumbull will share the responsibility. Chairman Testani asked that Mr. Balskus provide an update of the project as it progresses. Commissioner McGovern asked who handles the right side of the parkway. Chief Kiely responded that we would normally respond to calls that are border line between towns. Question was asked whether the parcel revenue would come to Trumbull. Yes, it would come to the Town of Trumbull. Chairman Testani asked that Mr. Balskus please return once he has an update. Question was asked who is in charge of the traffic lights. Mr. Balskus responded that he is not sure who is in charge of them but he thinks it is Fairfield that is in charge of them.

### **EMS**

Deputy Chief Byrnes indicated that in the past few months he has described changes that have been requested and are on their way with EMS and dispatching with the process of handling medical calls. Deputy Chief Byrnes explained with the Police Department, being designated as the PSAP by the State, has the responsibility on how the calls are handled. This project was brought up by EMS with the request in changing the handling of the medical calls. As Deputy Chief Byrnes suggested to the Police Commission, two members of the EMS Commission and other members of the service have come to explain what they are proposing and expand on what Deputy Chief Byrnes has shared with the Commission in the past meetings. Mr. John Butkus explained to the Commission that their primary goal in changing their dispatching system to CMED for the initial dispatch is to maintain and improve quality control. CMED already does a portion of the calls. CMED handles the medical side of each call. In switching the dispatch to CMED it will increase the familiarity of medical calls since that is what they specialize in. They have additional resources should there be a need to request additional back-up. CMED is a fully computerized operation. Also, they will be able to download information about the calls from CMED. Joe Rodriguez added to the comment of Mr. Butkus in regards to the mutual aid and additional personnel from other towns needed. CMED coordinates all EMS resources throughout South Western Connecticut they can identify the closest ambulance to the town. Right now mutual aid ambulances are called on a rotating basis and may not be the

closest to the call. That is a benefit with CMED. The other important thing to know is that any change that is made is fully funded; it will be paid from the EMS Budget.

Chief Kiely mentioned that he is in agreement with the change and from the Police Departments stand point the ability to get the closest ambulance will free up the police officers.

Chairman Testani asked regarding the way 911 calls are handled, it certainly seems that this will organize the calls efficiently. By making this change when a 911 call comes in where does the call go? EMS responded that the call will still go to the Police Department and once the person indicates that it is a medical call they will transfer them to CMED Dispatch. Chairman Testani asked what the cost for change is. Initial start up cost is \$10,000 and then ongoing it will be \$50,000 a year. They anticipate implementing CMED by October 1, 2012. When the change is done it will be seamless to the Trumbull Residents. The change that might be noticed is the response will be better with the change to CMED. Chairman Testani asked if the Police will still be first responders. The Police will be the first responders, which will not change. Where will CMED be located? CMED Dispatch is located at the Bridgeport Hospital.

#### **Approval of Change to CMED**

Motion to approve the EMS request for the transfer of emergency medical calls to CMED for EMS dispatching services. MOTION made (Commissioner Henry), 2nd (Commissioner McGovern). There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Chief Kiely reported that in December 2011 he discovered that the office of Emergency Management does not have the capacity to run a shelter at the Trumbull High School because the generator does not cover the areas needed. Therefore in February the Chief met with different members of the building committee, architects, building contractors, etc. They have been going back and forth with the issue of the generator and they do not seem to be moving forward. The generator needs to be addressed because if we need a shelter we would not be prepared. On July 31<sup>st</sup> there was a hurricane drill and the town had to shelter 10% of the residents and we did not have the ability to open a shelter. Even though we have Madison Middle School and the Senior Center they would not be big enough. The High School needs to be available. Should the town encounter a Category 3 Hurricane they are anticipating that 50% of the trees in the town would be down. Chief Kiely has sent a letter out to James Nugent addressing the generator issue at the Trumbull High School. He is hoping that next month he will have a report. Chairman Testani indicated should he not receive any response that they formally request the presence of Mr. James Nugent and Mr. Barbarotta to attend the September 11<sup>th</sup> Police Commission meeting to explain why the issue has not been resolved.

Chief Kiely provided a copy of the Trumbull Police Department's Annual Report for 2011-2012 that has been presented to the First Selectman.

The police department has started the Ever Bridge Emergency Notification System. There was money in the budget for purchasing the system. The system is up and running. It cost \$13,800 the department had originally budgeted \$20,000 therefore we saved \$7,000.

The two (2) new officers Perkowski and Edwards are now on the road. They are doing well. Officer Siljamaki is currently with a Field Training Officer and he is also doing well.

A letter was written to the Department of Transportation regarding the crossing at Route 111 and Old Mine Road regarding the blinking lights. They informed the Chief that it was a town project and they do not recall having this come through the town. The Chief assumed that the State of Connecticut was placing the blinking lights. Lt. Savarese and a member of the State DOT are researching and they have gone back to 2006. We just need to find out who is responsible for the light and the crosswalk.

There will be a concert on September 22<sup>nd</sup> with Michael Bolton.

The Police Department has purchased a second K-9 (Thor); Officer Greg Lee will be the handler.

There were two (2) Heroin Overdoses in the month of July. Both were in their early 20s.

Detective Kevin Hammel has been nominated to receive an award for his work on crimes of Domestic Violence on September 21<sup>st</sup>.

There was an incident at the Trumbull Mall regarding a suspicious van.

The Traffic Division assisted Shelton Police Department with a serious motorcycle accident. They also assisted Bridgeport Police Department with a fatal accident.

The Alarm Ordinance has been passed by the Town Council. This will help reduce the call volume so the department can do more productive calls. The Alarm Ordinance will be in effect January 1, 2013.

There are 82 candidates on the list for the Police Officer position. They have been informed to come in and pick up their hiring packets and they need to return them within 2 weeks. The department will then begin with the top 20 candidates. Sgt. Weir and Officer Yocher will be assisting with the hiring process.

In September the Chief will be requesting a Special Meeting to discuss an employee who has been out ill since September 15, 2011. The Chief will also speak with the Labor Council.

There will be a Records Clerk Position test this Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. The test is given by Civil Service.

Chief Kiely and Deputy Chief Byrnes have been to the Trumbull Westfield Shopping Center to see the substation that they have located for the Police Department. Deputy Chief Byrnes

provided some documents to show the location of the substation. The location that has been located needs minimal attention to accommodate what the needs are for the substation as in painting, furniture, etc. The Police Department will equip the office with their needs. They are looking to have the substation ready by October 1<sup>st</sup>. Chairman Zmary asked how they felt about the visibility. Deputy Chief Byrnes responded that the interior visibility is excellent but for the long term/permanent office Deputy Byrnes would like to see a different location which would have some exterior exposure. Chairman Testani indicated that when he met with them along with Deputy Chief Byrnes that Mall does seem committed. Chairman Testani liked that location of the substation and mentioned that they also showed a potential site directly accessible from the outside of the mall which would be located on the upper floor of the mall until a more permanent space is located. Commissioner Zmary asked how the office will be manned. Deputy Chief Byrnes responded that the office will not be manned. The office will actually be a work space for the officers that are assigned to the mall or are in the area in need of a work space. The officers will also have the ability to use the office should they need to interview anyone, should they need to complete a report this way they do not have to return to headquarters. Commissioner McGovern asked how the communication will be in the mall. Deputy Chief Byrnes informed him that the communication should be good.

### **Traffic**

Commissioner McGovern asked if the Speed Trailer is working. Chief Kiely said it is not and indicated the Police Department signed up with Fairfield, Easton and Monroe for a grant that we would need to devote 16 hour a month of traffic enforcement which entitles us to purchase traffic equipment which include radar, speed trailers at 50% of the price. At the moment we are not able to purchase due to lack of funds.

Motion to approve the posting of two 25 mph speed limit signs on Juniper Ridge Road recommended by the Traffic Division. MOTION made (Commissioner McGovern), 2nd (Commissioner Henry). There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion to approve the installation of stop sign on Split Rock Road. MOTION made (Commissioner McGovern), 2nd (Commissioner Henry). There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chairman Testani complimented the job well done on the van incident at the Mall. Deputy Chief Harry informed the Commission that Sgt. Weir was the one who handled the situation.

### **Detective Bureau Report**

Deputy Chief Harry reported that they finally received results from the lab for a case back in 2009. They identified a person therefore Detective Testi went up to the Cheshire prison where the person is incarcerated and he admitted to the burglary in our town.

Deputy Chief Harry is happy to report that the Detective Bureau is doing a great job.

### **Unfinished Business**

Deputy Chief Byrnes provided some material for Commissioner DiGennaro's question regarding the total of 9-1-1 calls. In 2012 there were 4,803 calls which cover from January to June; 2011 there were 11,056 calls and in 2010 there were 10,023 calls. The department averages about 10,000 9-1-1 calls a year.

**New Business**

None.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn meeting. MOTION made (Commissioner Henry), 2<sup>nd</sup> (Commissioner McGovern) to ADJOURN the Trumbull Police Commission Meeting at 8:20 pm. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vivian Munoz  
Clerk of the Commission