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Trumbull Police Commission Meeting
Long Hill Conference Room – Trumbull Town Hall
Tuesday, February 12, 2013

The Trumbull Police Commission Meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm.

Members Present: Lino Costantini
Alfred Liggins
Roger McGovern
Albert Zamary

Also Present: Chief Thomas H. Kiely
Deputy Chief Glenn Byrnes
Lieutenant Thomas Savarese
Officer Richard Carlson
Officer Greg Lee
Detective Robert Coppola

Absent: Philip DiGennaro
Jack Testani

Public Comments

Opened at 7:15 pm.

There being no public comments Chairman Jack Testani closed the Public Comments at 7:16 pm.

Acting Chairman Zamary thanked former Commissioner Anna Henry for all she did for the Police Commission Board and will be missed. Commissioner Liggins was welcomed back as he will be the new commissioner.

Officer Greg Lee and K-9 Storm were introduced to the Police Commission as they recently graduated the training. Officer Greg Lee graduated top in his class of 16 canine teams with high honors. He shared with the commission some of the training that they did, including obedience, building searches, tracking and evidence search. Officer Greg Lee and K-9 Storm will be working day shift. Officer RJ Carlson informed the commission that K-9s Cyrus and Storm are training everyday; they are brought to the mall, Bowtie Movie Theater and around the officers so they can recognize them.

Approval of January 8, 2013 Police Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the Police Commission Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2013 as presented. MOTION made (Commissioner Costantini), 2nd (Commissioner McGovern). There was no further discussion. MOTION CARRIED WITH ONE ABSTENTION, COMMISSIONER LIGGINS.

Correspondence

- Valentine's Day cards received by Sandy Hook Students
- Notre Dame High School students wrote thank you letters to area police departments
- Thank you email from Ms. Gonzalez to Trumbull Transportation and Emergency Services for assisting with incident that occurred on February 1st with wires on Bus #27
- Thank you email from Ms. Allen regarding Officer Fedor comforting and supporting her son who was in a car accident on his way home from a meeting as he is a Cadet Explorer for the Trumbull Police Department.

Chief Kiely's Report

Chief Kiely provided a summary from the recent snow blizzard "Nemo", by midnight on February 8th, 5" of snow was falling per hour. The towns that were to be affected the most were from Milford, CT and up North. By 1:30 a.m. the Police Department was not able to respond to any calls as the snow was too deep for the patrol cars to drive through. There were approximately 15 occupied cars stuck on the road, they were informed to stay in their vehicles and to make sure the exhaust pipe in their car was cleared from the snow. Officers from the 4-12 and 8-4 shifts were not able to leave the Police Department. The town plow trucks were not able to handle the amount of snow as well. Chief Kiely indicated that Sunday was a better day and some of the officers were able to go home and get some rest and return. Five of the Police Explorers came in and assisted the Police Department dig the patrol cars out. The Police Department has a 4 x 4 truck that will be better equipped. The cost to equip the truck will be approximately \$6,000.00. The Chief reported that by 4 p.m. on Monday, February 11th the town had been plowed and patrol cars were out on the road. What saved the Town was there was a low call volume and there were no power outages with the storm. Chief Kiely asked the Police Commission to please support him when it comes to the budget approval.

Chief Kiely thanked the Trumbull Marriott as they were the only ones available/open to provide food for the officers during storm Nemo.

Officer Millington saved an 85 year old with the AED earlier today. There were also 2 Trumbull life guards at the scene prior to Officer Millington arriving, which was an asset for the medical call. Officer Millington drove the ambulance while the medics worked on the patient. This is one of the many times officers have had to drive the ambulances so the medics can assist the patient.

Chief Kiely provided a very detailed power point presentation of the department's year end activities. Commissioner McGovern asked how the security in the schools is being addressed. The Chief responded it is still a work-in-progress but the patrol officers are now going into the schools everyday to make their presence known.

Chief Kiely reported that there might be four (4) candidates the Police Commission will interview for two (2) positions. There will be two (2) openings at the Academy in April 2013. Bridgeport is even considering another academy class in April. If that is the case the Trumbull Police Department will have a spot at that academy for another officer.

Weapons Turn In was a success; 18 weapons were turned in and some ammunition as well. The items that were turned in were handed over to the State to be destroyed. No violent video games were turned in, but that was one of the other items the Police Department was collecting.

Chief Kiely reported that the sick time for the officers has been reviewed and the officers that have an excessive amount of sick time were spoken too.

Chief Kiely also mentioned that there were a few officers that did not take any sick time for 2012 and would like to compensate the officers with 2 days of Comp time.

Deputy Chief Byrnes shared with the Police Commission an article about Connecticut State Trooper Ernest J. Morse who was killed 60 years ago on February 13th on the Merritt Parkway in Trumbull. Today, State Route 108 in Trumbull, also known as Nichols Avenue, has been named "Trooper Ernest Morse Memorial Highway."

Chief Kiely informed the Police Commission that the Complaint Policy has been completed and will be implemented.

Traffic

Lt. Savarese reported that the traffic division received a complaint regarding speeding vehicles on Stonehouse Road. Officer Thompson contacted the complainant and checked the area. One 25 mph speed limit sign was installed in a westbound direction in the area of 20 Stonehouse Road. Three (3) speeding tickets were issued on Stonehouse Road on January 22nd and 24th.

Complaint of speeding/school bus stop violations on Chestnut Hill Road near Candlewood Road. The installation of a stop sign at this location does not comply with STC guidelines. The Patrol

and Traffic Division were notified for enforcement and the area was checked on January 7th and no violations were found.

A complaint was received from parents regarding the new traffic pattern at Tashua School that was put in place by school officials. The new pattern was put into effect to make drop off and dismissal more efficient and safe. This pattern includes prohibiting a left turn from Dayton Road into the school. Vehicles are to enter the school from Dayton Road only by traveling in a northbound direction and making a right turn. Officer Richard spoke with several parents and school administrators regarding the issue. The Board of Education will be looking into the new traffic pattern. Future complaints will be referred to the Board of Education.

Lt. Savarese indicated that the DUI Enforcement Grant began on January 19, 2013 and will continue through September 5, 2013. 43 Citations were issued during the 2 day enforcement period in January. 3 DUI arrests were made during routine patrol during the month of January.

New Business

None.

Unfinished Business

The Commission asked about progress with the promotional testing. Detective Coppola informed the Commission that the Union is in agreement with the proposed testing company. There will be a vote by the Union on the 21st of February.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting. MOTION made (Commissioner Costantini), 2nd (Commissioner Liggins) to ADJOURN the Trumbull Police Commission Meeting at 8:45 pm. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vivian Munoz
Clerk of the Commission