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Trumbull Police Commission Meeting  
Police Headquarters – Chief's Conference Room  
November 12, 2014

**MINUTES**

The Trumbull Police Commission meeting was called to order at 7:16 p.m.

Members present: Jack Testani, Chairman  
Lino Costantini  
Philip DiGennaro  
Alfred Liggins  
Roger McGovern

Absent: Albert Zamary

Also Present: Chief Thomas Kiely  
Deputy Chief Glenn Byrnes  
Deputy Chief Michael Harry  
Lieutenant Thomas Savarese  
James Haselkamp

**Approval of the October 14, 2014 Police Commission Meeting Minutes**

Motion to accept the Police Commission Meeting Minutes of October 14, 2014 as presented. Motion made first by Commissioner Costantini, seconded by Commissioner McGovern. There was no further discussion. MOTION CARRIED WITH ONE ABSTENTION Commissioner DiGennaro.

Question was asked by someone in the room if there will be public comments. Chairman Testani indicated that there will be no public comment section at the meeting tonight.

Commissioner Costantini made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Chief Kiely's retirement at 7:20 p.m. MOTION made by first by Commissioner Costantini and seconded by Commissioner DiGennaro. ALL IN FAVOR, motion carried unanimously.

Entering into Executive Session: Chairman Testani, Commissioners Costantini, DiGennaro, Liggins, McGovern and Jim Haselkamp.

A motion was made to exit Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. Motion made first by Commissioner McGovern, seconded by Commissioner Costantini. There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A gentleman at the meeting asked Chairman Testani as a resident of Trumbull to speak at meeting. Chairman Testani apologized and indicated there would be no public comments tonight. The gentleman asked for public comments to be placed back on the agenda for next month, Chairman Testani indicated he will consider it.

### **Correspondence**

Letter from RoseAnn DiMarco regarding a stop sign at the corner of MacArthur and Jerome Avenue. Lt. Savarese indicated that Officer Richard contacted the complainant. Currently there are two (2) stop signs on Jerome Avenue and motorist traveling west on MacArthur have their site line restricted at the intersection with some bushes and shrubbery. The complainant indicated that there are some issues with a bus and the children getting off the bus and she is concerned with the visibility. Following the uniform traffic control devises from the state, the information was forwarded to the engineering department they are currently making plans to visit the intersection to determine if a stop sign is warranted.

Letter from Patrick Madden, manager of Westfield Shopping Center was received regarding the police substation. Chief Kiely indicated that the department knew there was a possibility of moving the police substation location. At this time the Westfield Shopping Center does not have a location and Chief Kiely indicated that if a space becomes available and is not visible he will not accept it unless it is highly visible. Chairman Testani asked if there were any other updates after the correspondence received. DC Byrnes indicated there were no further updates. Chairman Testani asked that Vivian remind Mr. Madden about the December 9<sup>th</sup> meeting and add it to the agenda.

Chairman Testani asked if there were any objections having Lt. Savarese continue with the traffic report. No objections.

MOTION made by first by Commissioner McGovern and seconded by Commissioner Liggins. ALL IN FAVOR, motion carried unanimously.

### **Traffic Report**

Lt. Savarese reported a complaint regarding pedestrian crosswalk on Daniels Farm Road at Hillcrest Middle School. Officer Thompson spoke with the complaint. The signage for the crosswalk and the school zone has recently been updated. A Police Officer is posted at this location before and after school to help children cross safely. At this time the other action that

is being taken is to place the speed trailer back on Daniels Farm Road and Officer Thompson has been doing radar.

The second complaint was about speeding vehicles on Mitchell Road. The problem occurs between 7:30-8:30 am and 3:00-4:00 pm when vehicles are leaving Jane Ryan School. The area will be added to the monthly traffic enforcement list.

The third complaint was about the handicap parking at the Westfield Mall. Officer Thompson was assigned to investigate and determined the mall was in compliance with the handicap parking spaces. The complainant was notified.

The Trumbull motorcycle unit participated in the Bridgeport Columbus Day parade and Sterling House Toy Drive event in October

Officer Richard completed his recertification of his CT Commercial Vehicles Safety Alliance Certification in September. He is one of the few municipal police officers that have this certification for inspecting commercial vehicles. Throughout the year he completed 32 truck inspections that resulted in 20 driver violations (4-out of service violations), 237 vehicle violations (37-out of service violations).

Speed trailer has been placed in several locations in town for the month of October including, Merritt Boulevard, Moose Hill Road and Twitchgrass Road.

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

Chief Kiely reported the following:

The hiring process is in moving along; there are 19 candidates that background checks are being done by Officers Velky and Yocher. Chief Kiely indicated that a new test may need to be done next month depending on the results from the background checks.

Chief Kiely will be attending a Racial Profiling meeting at the Central Connecticut University.

TPAUD has renewed their grant for five (5) more years. There will be two (2) extra patrol cars added to the 4-12 shift on Fridays and Saturdays.

Chief Kiely attended the Underage Drinking Forum at the Trumbull High School; this is an excellent event for parents and their children. Good speakers attended the event.

### **Deputy Chief Byrnes – Operations Report**

Deputy Chief Byrnes reviewed the Calls for Service; case load continues to increase overall by 9%. Alarms-Burglary for the month of October has decreased by 11%, Burglaries have decreased by 15%, MV Theft has decreased by 33%, and Shoplifting has increased by 14%.

**Deputy Chief Harry - Detective Bureau Report**

Deputy Chief Harry reported for the month of October there are 80 cases open.

Detective Testi testified in a trial in New York for a 2010 case regarding the Harstan's Jewelry robbery.

Detective Coppola is the lead investigator on the People's Bank robbery, an arrest was made and it is still an ongoing in depth investigation. Detective Coppola is working with the FBI on this case as well.

Regarding the Best Buy case involving East European Counterfeit credit cards, the department is expected to get the governors warrant by Friday and the suspect will be brought back to Connecticut

In another case, an elderly woman was scammed over the phone and was asked to send \$8,900 to Canada. Fortunately Detective Murray was quick to contact the Canadian Authorities and informed them of the address the victim was asked to mail money to. The package was found by the detective in Canada. The money was returned to the victim.

**Unfinished Business**

None.

**New Business**

None.

There being no further business to discuss, and upon motion made by Commissioner McGovern, seconded by Commissioner Liggins, the Trumbull Police Commission adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vivian Munoz  
Clerk of the Commission