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Trumbull Police Commission Meeting
Long Hill Conference Room – Town Hall
December 9, 2014

MINUTES

The Trumbull Police Commission meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m.

Members present: Jack Testani, Chairman
Lino Costantini
Alfred Liggins
Roger McGovern
Albert Zamary

Absent: Philip DiGennaro

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

Chairman Testani on behalf of the Police Commission congratulated Commissioner Costantini for 23 years.

Commissioner Costantini commented that it has been a pleasure and honor to work with everyone and wished everyone a Happy Holiday and Happy New Year and prosperity for years to come.

Commissioner Costantini left the meeting.

Approval of the November 12, 2014 Police Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion to accept the Police Commission Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2014 as presented. Motion made first by Commissioner McGovern, seconded by Commissioner Liggins. There was no further discussion. MOTION CARRIED WITH ONE ABSTENTION Commissioner Zamary.

Approval of the November 24, 2014 Police Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion to accept the Police Commission Meeting Minutes of November 24, 2014 as presented. Motion made first by Commissioner McGovern, seconded by Commissioner Liggins. There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Approval of the November 25, 2014 Police Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion to accept the Police Commission Meeting Minutes of November 25, 2014 as presented. Motion made first by Commissioner McGovern, seconded by Commissioner Liggins. There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Approval of the November 26, 2014 Police Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion to accept the Police Commission Meeting Minutes of November 26, 2014 as presented. Motion made first by Commissioner McGovern, seconded by Commissioner Liggins. There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Correspondence

None.

Chief's Report

Chief Kiely indicated for the record he has had a wonderful career. He has been blessed in so many ways by the town and people. On Friday night at his and Deputy Chief Harry's retirement party, it was the most humbling night of his life, he was blown away by it. He realized on Friday night that people do care and he was taken away for the people that attended his retirement party. Chief Kiely always wanted to be a police officer and it was everything he thought it would be and he has a soft spot in his heart for the community. Chief Kiely thanked everyone again. He also thanked Deputy Chief Harry and Deputy Chief Byrnes as they have been fantastic to work with. He feels like the luckiest man in his life.

Deputy Chief Harry thanked the Police Commission for being supportive during the budget time and he appreciates their support all these years.

Chief Kiely thanked Deputy Chief Byrnes for all he has done throughout the years. Deputy Chief Byrnes has always completed any projects and anything else that he was asked to do.

Chief Kiely reported that the Auditor Jim Henderson came to the police department and did an audit on the departments overtime and everything else in the payroll and Chief Kiely was happy with the conclusion of the report. A copy of the audit was provided to the commission. Chief Kiely referred to page 11 of the audit and read the conclusion "Construct a realistic budget for overtime to prevent requests for large transfers at year end to cover overages." Chief Kiely mentioned that he is aware that Commissioner Testani took some heat over the years outside of the police department and it was unwarranted. Last year the budget proposal highlights were given to the Board of Finance for the 2014-2015 fiscal year if they would agree with figures the department would be okay. Chief Kiely brought this up as Chief Lombardo takes

over the department he will be working with the budget and the audit sustains what the right direction will be to prepare the overtime budget.

Deputy Chief Byrnes reviewed the calls-for-service, for the month of November there have been 18,149 cases and predicts that there will be 20,000 cases for 2014. The most notable on the top of the list are the Alarms, they have decreased by 10%, Burglaries have also decreased by 13% and MV Thefts by 35% from the previous years. The increase has been in Shoplifting and Larceny. Motor vehicle enforcement has increased by 38%.

Chief Kiely reported that he has spoken with the Stamford K-9 Unit and the Trumbull K-9 will be training for narcotics detection in February.

Traffic Report

Item #1: Complaint: Speed Limit Reduction. The Trumbull Police Commission requested the speed limit on Monroe Turnpike to be changed from the current 40 mph limit to a 25 mph limit. The Connecticut Department of Transportation was contacted. The 25 mph request was denied, but a modest reduction to 35 mph was approved. It will take several months for DOT to complete this process.

Item #2: Complaint: Speeding vehicles on Beardsley Parkway. Complainant reported speeding vehicles on Beardsley Parkway Officer Richard spoke with the complainant. The roadway is properly posted at 25 mph. This area will be added to the monthly traffic enforcement list. The speed trailer was placed on Beardsley Parkway on December 1st.

Item #3: Complaint: Unsafe motor vehicle operation at Trumbull High School. The Police Department was forwarded a complaint received by the Board of Education regarding vehicles traveling the wrong way from THS to Daniels Farm Rd. Officer Thompson contacted Security Director William Connolly. He was aware of the complaint and arrangements were being made to install traffic signs to address this problem.

Item #4: Complaint: Speeding vehicles on Old Town Rd near Wilson Ave. Complainant reported speeding vehicles on Old Town Rd near Wilson Ave. Officer Richard spoke with the complainant and checked the area. This area will be added to the monthly traffic enforcement list and speed trailer location list. The Traffic Unit also recommends the posting of two 25 mph speed limit signs near Marshall Ave and Sylvan Ave pending the approval by the Trumbull Police Commission.

Commissioner McGovern made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Traffic Unit for the posting of two 25 mph speed limit signs near Marshall Ave and Sylvan Ave.

Motion made first by Commissioner McGovern, seconded by Commissioner Liggins. There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Due to the inclement weather approaching the use of the Speed Trailer will be decreased.

Item #5: Follow-up: Stop Sign request. MacArthur Rd @ Jerome Ave. Complainant inquired about the installation of a stop sign on MacArthur Rd @ Jerome Ave. The Town Engineering Department checked the area. The area will be cleared to improve the driver sightlines at the intersection. There are no plans to install stop signs at this time.

The 2014/2015 DUI Enforcement Grant began on November 21, 2014 and will continue through September 7, 2015. Thirty three (33) citations were issued during the six (6) day enforcement period for November, which included one (1) DUI arrest.

The Town of Trumbull is participating in the Redflex Student Guardian bus video violation program which started this school year. Passing school bus violators are identified through a video system mounted on school buses. The Traffic Unit processed 10 citations for the month of November.

A Yield to Pedestrian sign at the crosswalk on Quality Street in front of the Library building was installed.

A second sign was placed on Rte 108 at Pricilla Place, and was removed the next day after being struck by a vehicle. DOT approved crosswalk signs and markings are located on Rte 108.

Complaints have been received regarding the crosswalk on Daniels Farm Road and Hillcrest Middle School. At the moment everything is properly marked and there are some flashing lights warning motorists of the crosswalks but the problem is the way the configuration of the rotary. During the school times, morning and afternoons an officer is assigned at the location. In order to fix this problem radar enforcement has been done to force the cars to slow down. Lt. Savarese attended a traffic meeting regarding a possibility of a traffic light on Daniels Farm Road and Strobel Road. The Engineering Department is weighing the pros and cons of the installation for the traffic light which will also include the intersection of the crosswalk in front of Hillcrest Middle School.

Chairman Testani asked Lt. Savarese to please provide an update in January or February meeting.

The Speed Awareness trailer has been set up at the following locations in November: Madison Ave near Newton Lane, Monroe Turnpike near Rails to Trails/Fitness Edge, Huntington Road near Woodcrest Avenue.

Lt. Savarese received correspondence from DOT as they have received Representative Hoydick's request to study the intersection of Route 108 at Silver Lane and Armory Road located on the town line of the Towns of Trumbull and Stratford. They requested the Chief's and Traffic Division opinion. Lt. Savarese responded back to DOT with being in favor of doing the traffic study but there are some concerns on how traffic would flow.

Lt. Savarese reported that the 2 recruits Federowicz and Bachiocchi, who are up in Waterbury will be graduation on December 30, 2014.

Lt. Savarese also reported that the Engineering Department has hired Tighe & Bond to do traffic studies on the Rails of Trail crossings.

Deputy Chief Harry - Detective Bureau Report

Deputy Chief Harry reported that Detective Testi testified in a trial in New York for a 2010 case regarding the Harstan's Jewelry store robbery. The case was taken over by FBI because patrol and the Detective Bureau were able to catch one of the suspects. One suspect was sentenced to life in prison for a combination of crimes including murders and several robberies in New York City.

Deputy Chief Harry provided a spreadsheet with the Detective Bureau cases for 2014. The detectives have worked on 920 cases for the year. Deputy Chief Harry shared that back in 1977 there was 1 commander, 2 sergeants and 5 detectives now in 2014 they still have 1 commander, 1 FT sergeant and 1 temporary sergeant, 4 detectives with one vacancy for a detective and 1 detective in the Task Force which is not in the bureau.

Deputy Chief Harry reviewed the spreadsheet that was provided regarding Alarms for the month of December.

EMS Report

Chief Laucella congratulated both Chief Kiely and Deputy Chief Harry for all of their assistance during his transition. He also congratulated Chief Lombardo for his appointment and is looking forward to working with him. Deputy Chief Byrnes was also thanked for all his help in assisting Chief Laucella and working so well with the patrol officers. The past 1 to 1 ½ years have been a success working with the Trumbull Police Department and EMS as they are both first responders to any medical calls. Chief Laucella also thanked Officer Fedor for all of his assistance in doing the EMR and ERT refresher classes. Chief Laucella reported that EMS is covering up to 93% to 94% of calls and the response time is about 7 minutes. He also reported that there is one ambulance that is on call 24/7, the second ambulance is on for 15 hours per day during the peak time and the third ambulance is on on Monday's during the peak volume. EMS currently has 50 volunteers; they will continue to up staff.

A donation was received in the amount of \$34,000 by a private resident in town which purchased a Lucas CPR device.

Chief Laucella mentioned that they will be announcing publicly another very large donation, which will continue to enhance the EMS department. They are grateful and thankful for the donation.

Everyone in EMS has been crossed trained regarding EBOLA. The officers and EMS have been fitted for masks, etc. and a policy has been created.

Detective Coppola as the Trumbull Police Union President presented Chief Kiely and Deputy Chief Harry each with a plaque and thanked them for their 40 years of service.

Commissioner McGovern thanked Chief Kiely and Deputy Chief Harry and wished them well in their retirement.

Commissioner Zamaro also thanked Chief Kiely and Deputy Harry for their service and it was a pleasure and honor working with them.

Commissioner Liggins wished Chief Kiely and Deputy Harry good luck and good health.

Commissioner Chairman Testani and the Police Commission provided Chief Kiely and Deputy Chief Harry a thank you gift.

Chief Kiely thanked Vivian Munoz for all she did and he will miss her and considers her more than just an employee, he considers her a good friend.

Commissioner McGovern made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss grievances at 8:15 p.m. MOTION made by first by Commissioner McGovern and seconded by Commissioner Liggins. ALL IN FAVOR, motion carried unanimously.

Entering into Executive Session: Chairman Testani, Commissioners Liggins, McGovern, Zamaro, Chief Kiely, Deputy Chief Kiely, Deputy Chief Byrnes, Officer Petty, Detective Coppola, Chief Lombardo and Vivian Munoz.

A motion was made to exit Executive Session at 8:47 p.m. Motion made first by Commissioner McGovern, seconded by Commissioner Zamaro. There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A motion was made by Commissioner McGovern to table the grievance discussed in executive session until the February 10, 2014 meeting. Motion made first by Commissioner McGovern, seconded by Commissioner Zamaro. There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

New Business

Motion made by Commissioner McGovern to approve the 2015 Police Commission meeting schedule which is as follows: January 13, 2015, February 10, 2015, March 10, 2015, April 14, 2015, May 12, 2015, June 9, 2015, July 14, 2015, August 11, 2015, September 8, 2015, October 13, 2015, November 10, 2015, December 8, 2015. Motion made first by Commissioner McGovern, seconded by Commissioner Liggins. There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vivian Munoz", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Vivian Munoz
Clerk of the Commission