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Trumbull Police Commission Meeting
Long Hill Conference Room – Town Hall
September 8, 2015

MINUTES

The Trumbull Police Commission meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

Members present: Jack Testani, Chairman
Alfred Liggins
Roger McGovern
Daniel Portanova

Absent: Philip DiGennaro
Albert Zamary

Also Present: Chief Michael Lombardo
Deputy Chief Glenn Byrnes
Deputy Chief Thomas Savarese

Approval of the August 18, 2015 Police Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion made to accept the Police Commission Meeting Minutes of August 18, 2015 as presented. Motion made first by Commissioner McGovern, seconded by Commissioner Portanova. There was no further discussion. MOTION CARRIED WITH ONE ABSTENTION Commissioner Liggins.

Correspondence

Letter was received from Lt. Scott Sikora regarding his retirement to department effective September 3, 2015. Chief Lombardo thanked Lt. Sikora for his 32 years of service and wished him well and a long and happy retirement.

Letter was received from Officer Jason Lusniak regarding his resignation from the Trumbull Police Department as he has accepted a position with the Norwalk Police Department.

Letters were received by the State of Connecticut POST Academy indicating that Officers Bartosik, Bachiocchi and Federowicz are certified police officers.

Letter was received by Officer Sandra Quinonez on behalf of the Bridgeport Police Department thanking Deputy Chief Kirby for making the Make-A-Wish event successful by sending the Police Motorcycles.

Chief's Report

Chief Lombardo indicated that the Calls-for-Service report for the month of August shows all the different types of calls and indicated there were 1,769 calls. The following monthly report for the month of August shows the times, types of calls and the total number of calls per month and year-to-date. Alarm Response Summary shows 188 calls for the month of August which is a slight increase over compared to the year before. The year-to-date Alarm response is 1,449. The next report showed the different type of Motor Vehicle Enforcements: 100 MV Warning, 2 DUI Arrests, 26 MV Complaints, 273 MV Arrests (tickets) and 411 MV. The Criminal Incidents Report for the month of August is broken down in the types of criminal activities: 20 Larceny, 13 Vandalism, 1 MV Theft/Attempt, 6 Burglary/Attempt, 2 Assault, 0 Robberies, 26 Domestic Violence and total of 68 Criminal.

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Arrest Summary Report in which is the new format as requested, no questions were asked.

Traffic Report

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Traffic Report and indicated there were 117 cases for the month of August. Officer Thompson handled 71 cases and Officer Richard handled 46 cases for the month of August. The report also showed the following:

Traffic Complaint

Off. Richard spoke with residents on Governors Trumbull Way regarding speeding vehicles within their complex.

United Ride

Trumbull PD Traffic Officers Richard, Thompson, Skoog and Schwartz assisted with escort duties and traffic control for the CT United Ride on Sunday August 30th 2015.

911 Ride

Trumbull PD Traffic Officers Richard, Thompson, Duva and Schwartz participated in this year's 911 Ride.

Supplemental Information

- The 2014/2015 DUI Enforcement Grant began on November 21, 2014 and continued through September 7, 2015. During August 2015, 89 citations were issued during DUI details, 7 Written Warnings were issued, 3 DUI arrests were made.
- Distracted Driving Enforcement was scheduled between August 3rd and August 14th 2015. 166 Cell Phone citations were issued. 36 other citations were issued. 202 total citations were issued. 1 Drug arrest was made.

Training

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Training Report which showed several training courses for the month of August. Four (4) officers attended the Mountain Bike Training (Officers Barton, M. Edwards, M. Gonzalez and Petty). The officers completed the training and have been out on the trail as well as throughout Trumbull Center. The department received a call already indicating that a Trumbull resident was happy to see the bikes out on the the trail. Officers also attended other training including, Critical & Advanced Infrastructure and Resilience Awareness, and Prosecuting the Impaired Driver Crash Case. Officer Fedor provided the school Crossing Guards some training prior to the start of school.

Cadet Report

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Cadet Activity Report which showed a couple meetings along with training and an assignment where they assisted in the CT United 9/11 Memorial Ride.

Sick/Injury Report

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Sick/Injury report; he indicated that there are still two (2) officers that are out on long term illnesses. The department had three (3) retirements, one being a full-time civilian dispatcher. In total there are eight (8) vacancies in the department, which include illnesses, retirements and recruits at the academy. The department is working to not encounter overtime, it is hard due to the officers having time off and due to the collective bargaining agreement which prevents time off requests from being denied. The department has 76 officers at the present time. Chief Lombardo is working with Human Resource to advertise for entry level officers and possibly hire certified officers.

Detective Bureau Report

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Detective Bureau report for the month of August, the department closed 49 cases and 25 cases are still open.

EMS Report

Chief Laucella reviewed the EMS Report; he reported that EMS and the police department have a great working relationship. There was another NARCAN save on a drug overdose at the Westfield Shopping Center.

Chairman Testani asked if the new ambulance had arrived. Chief Laucella indicated that a new ambulance was received about 2 weeks ago and is going through the final steps in being inspected by the State of Connecticut, Public Health inspection has been done and the next step is DMV. The ambulance should be at the Fall Festival. EMS will have two (2) large and two (2) small ambulances. There is a 2008 ambulance which the department plans to replace next year. Chief Laucella reported that the second paramedic started on July 1, 2015, their schedule is Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. when there is the highest call volume.

Chief Lombardo presented the uniform that the bike patrol unit will be wearing. The officers will be riding through the trails, Trumbull Center, Memorial Day Parade and Fall Festival. The officers attended a four (4) day training class in Prospect, CT.

Officer Michael Edwards showed the Commission all the different things the bikes are equipped with as in lights, flashlight, basic medical supplies, siren, etc.

Chairman Testani asked that Chief Lombardo invite the Police Cadets to the October meeting to recognize the cadets that received awards at the recent Explorer Academy.

Commissioner McGovern asked for an update on the new testing for Sergeants and Lieutenants. Chief Lombardo reported that last week there was a Detective written test and per the contract a specific company needs to be used for the promotional exams. The company that was selected is no longer in business and a new company needs to be selected. The Union and the Town did mutually agree to use the agency that gave the Detective test. Chief Lombardo spoke with Union President Detective Coppola as the Chief would like to move forward with the posting of the Sergeant and Lieutenant test. The officers need to have at least 90 to 120 days to study prior to giving the test.

Commissioner McGovern asked if the Chief can promote any of the current Sergeants to Acting Lieutenants. Chief Lombardo indicated he could but there is no language in the contract of that nature. Chief Lombardo indicated that the question would be. What are the criteria in selecting a Sergeant for an Acting Lieutenant position? There is no list that can be used to base upon who is the first, second or third in line to be selected. The department is short staffed in the Patrol Division (8 Officers) which is utilizing a lot of the overtime account. If the Chief were to choose to move officers to acting positions the department would be even be shorter staffed.

Commissioner McGovern mentioned that the department is down three (3) Lieutenants and the department would normally have five (5) Lieutenants. He mentioned one of the Lieutenants works mid-nights and asked where the other Lieutenant is. Chief Lombardo indicated he is the Professional Standards position.

Unfinished Business

Chief Lombardo reported that he and Deputy Chief Byrnes were at the Westfield Shopping center and the police substation has been painted and carpeted.

Deputy Chief Byrnes provided pictures of the location of the future police substation. There will be other changes including a new door and a new window. The office will then be furnished, there will be equipment installed that is needed in there as well. The officers will be able to electronically submit their reports, process booking, issue misdemeanors and take photos.

Chairman Testani asked if with the technology at the substation the officers would have the capability of deterring if the person being detained has a warrant or anything else.

Chief Lombardo indicated the officer has that capability and they can radio the information to dispatch and find out if they have a warrant, etc. The Chief also mentioned that the police

substation will not be manned at all times as the department does not have extra man power to assign an officer at the police substation.

Deputy Chief Byrnes gave an example, officers are assigned to work the mall on Saturday nights, if the officer assisted with an arrest at any of the stores the officer has the capability of using the police substation should he/she need can go into the office.

Chairman Testani asked if there was an opening date. Deputy Chief Byrnes indicated that it all depends on the equipment, door installation, furniture, etc. of when the police substation will be ready. They are hoping it will be ready within the next couple of weeks to a month. Chief Lombardo indicated that the town is still waiting for the lease agreement.

Deputy Chief Byrnes provided another update on the Police Headquarters renovation project. Deputy Chief Byrnes provided some before-and-after pictures of the dispatch center. The project is making tremendous progress. Several things have been completed as in the generator, UPS system, electrical system, radio system (hardware), and remediation of fireproofing materials. The radio system now has new digital portable radios that have been issued to every officer. Work still needs to be done at several antenna and tower sites throughout town.

Commissioner McGovern asked about the eight (8) locations that will be added with antenna coverage. He wants to know the equipment been ordered and replaced. Deputy Chief Byrnes responded that the equipment has been ordered and the hardware has been received for the eight (8) locations that will be used but all of the locations have not been resolved work will still needs to be done. The one Commissioner McGovern is referring to is the tower at the Daniels Farm Firehouse, they have not been able to come into an agreement with the firehouse to replace the existing tower or what options will be considered. What the department is looking to do is use the existing tower and add a transmitter in addition to the receiver already at the tower. Commissioner McGovern asked about the water tower. DC Byrnes indicated that on that tank the department does not have any equipment. The department's equipment is on a free standing pole aside the water tank which is owned by Aquarion. There is another antenna in the Huntington section in Shelton which accesses the Nichols receiver. A new lease agreement needs to be signed with Aquarion.

Regarding the new tower at police headquarters, Deputy Chief Byrnes reported that there was a meeting on September 8th with the tower owner. T-Mobile sold the ownership of that tower to a company called Phoenix Partnership. Phoenix Partnership had all their bidders for construction do a site survey, markings will be done within the week and permits are being drawn and activity will begin within the next few weeks at police headquarters.

Chief Lombardo suggested that if Commission is in agreement we could host the October 13th meeting at Police Headquarters so they can have a tour of the Dispatch Center. Everyone was in agreement of having the October 13th meeting at Police Headquarters.

Commissioner Portanova asked why can't the Fire Department come to an agreement with the Daniels Farm fire house tower.

DC Byrnes informed that they understand the importance of what is trying to be done with the tower. The concern is avoiding conflicts with the neighbors, so alternatives are being considered.

Chairman Testani asked for Deputy Chief Kirby to look into the safety of the crossing on Whitney Avenue especially with the officers on their mountain bikes. Chairman Testani asked for an update for the October meeting.

Chairman Testani asked the Chief to please share with the Commission any information on the opening of the police substation so all can attend if available.

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