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Trumbull Police Commission Meeting
Trumbull Police Department
March 8, 2016

MINUTES

The Trumbull Police Commission meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Angelo Magliocco
Daniel Portanova
John Vazzano
Albert Zamary

Also Present: Chief Michael Lombardo
Deputy Chief Glenn Byrnes
Deputy Chief Ronald Kirby
Deputy Chief Thomas Savarese
Detective Rocco Testi

Absent: Roger McGovern, Chairman

Public Comments

The Chair opened Public Comment at 7:01 p.m.
There were no public comments Vice-Chairman Zamary closed the Public Comment at 7:02 p.m.

Approval of the February 9, 2016 Police Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion made to accept the Police Commission Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2016 as presented. Motion made first by Commissioner Portanova, seconded by Commissioner Magliocco. There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR, motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence

Chief Lombardo received a letter from Richard King thanking Officer Skoog for returning his 6 month old puppy that unbeknownst to him wandered off his yard and was returned.

Chief Lombardo received a letter from First Selectman Herbst thanking the Chief for his informative presentation at the Civility in Public Safety forum at Sacred Heart University.

Chief's Report

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Calls-for-Service report for the month of February 2016 which shows the different types of calls. There were a total of 1,416 calls for service for the month of February. The Alarm response summary showed the total for the month of February, 160 Alarms, which is slightly down from January. There was a total of 114 Motor Vehicle Enforcements for the month of February. There were 4 DUI Arrests and 44 MV Arrests (tickets) for the month of February, which is slightly up from January. The Motor Vehicle Enforcement report also showed speeding violations, seatbelt violations, distracted driving, suspended license, traffic light violations and stop sign violations. There was a total of 88 Criminal Incidents, report showed 54 larcenies, 6 vandalism, 2 MV Theft/Attempt, 5 Burglary/Attempt, 1 Robber, 20 domestic incidents which is up from February of 2015 and up from January 2016. The following report showed the Calls for Service by time of day and day of week. There was a total of 1,414 Incident Statistics, the report shows all types of calls the officers respond to. There were 216 Building Checks (mainly midnight officers), 142 Medical Calls, etc.

Commissioner Portanova asked what is done when the department receives 911 Hang Up calls. Chief Lombardo responded that the number is called back, try to make contact and the dispatcher will ask what is occurring and an officer will be sent to verify. Should there be no answer when the number is called back an officer is sent the house.

Chief Lombardo mentioned the Arrest Summary Report and indicated there were 51 arrests for the month of February. The Arrest Summary Report shows the time, arresting officer, type of incident and arrestees name.

Traffic Report

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Traffic Report and indicated there were 19 cases for the month of February. Officer Thompson handled 0 cases as he is out injured. Officer Richard handled 19 cases for the month of February. The report also showed the following:

Off. Richard was assigned to review the crosswalk at Park Lane and Elliott Rd after a resident reported that it was faded and the signage needed to be replaced. Off. Richard found that both issues needed attention. He submitted a request to Public Works for repainting the crosswalk and upgrading the signage to current MUTCD standards.

Off. Richard assisted the Town of Monroe in conducting their annual Ambulance inspections. These inspections are required for the vehicles yearly renewal.

The following Traffic Report showed the breakdown of what occurred for the month of February, 1 seatbelt warning, 1 suspended license, 1 uninsured motorist, 3 registration offenses, 2 warning registration offenses and 2 warning equipment offenses.

Training

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Training Report which showed several training courses for the month of February such as Supervisory Liability for Effective and Constitutional Policing, Use of Force Investigations-Ensuring Effective and Constitutional Policing, ERT Training, Employment Law for Supervisors, National School Safety Symposium, Yale University Tactical Tourniquet Training Instructors, Drone Awareness Training & Laws, Dive Team Training, Impaired Driving Enforcement Course and Ice Rescue Suit Training. The officers also did Community Policing Events, Public Safety Day meeting, Drug Task Force meeting, Cub Scout Meeting, Memorial Day Parade Committee, Stern Village Senior Citizen Safety Talk, TPAUD Coalition meeting and TEMS tour of TPD Communications. The department tries to go to Stern Village at least once a month to speak with the residents and discuss fraud, safety awareness, etc. As they receive a lot of calls from people trying to solicit money which turn out to be fraud cases. The Training Report also showed the Police Officers Re-Certification Training they attended.

Cadet Report

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Cadet Activity Report for the month of February which showed CPR Certification, they hosted a couple meetings with cadets and assisted with security and traffic at the Marching Band competition.

Sick/Injury Report

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Sick/Injury report. There are three (3) officers that are out on long term illnesses.

Vice Chairman Zmary asked about the overtime hiring for illnesses. Chief Lombardo responded that once the department reaches below minimum in patrol, officers need to be hired. One of the new officers will be working on his own as he has completed his field training which will help fill some of the vacancies. Sgt. Falkenstein is the Scheduling Officer and he fills all the shifts for the department and tracks vacation, compensatory time and reviews any illnesses. He keeps track to make sure there is coverage for the department.

Chief Lombardo reported that the officer who was out injured from the car accident that occurred a few months ago will be returning to work on March 14th.

Detective Bureau Report

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Detective Bureau report for the month of February; the department had 62 new cases which were fingerprinting for pistol permits and other criminal cases. They closed 33 cases in the month of February, there are 36 cases remaining open which include some cases from January. Chief Lombardo does not get concerned that so many cases are still open as some of the cases require longer period of time to solve.

Commissioner Portanova asked whether the 9 burglaries on the DB report are commercial, residential or a combination. Chief Lombardo indicated that they are a combination of both. DC Savarese confirmed they are a combination but majority are residential burglaries. Commissioner Portanova asked if the burglaries occurred at locations are with or without alarm systems. DC Savarese indicated they are without alarm system.

Commissioner Portanova also asked if the Fraud Cases on the DB report, were senior fraud cases. Chief Lombardo said that some of the cases are related to senior frauds, others could be checks or credit card scams. The department receives more fraud cases in which the Patrol Division handles and determines if the case needs to be forwarded to the Detective Bureau for further investigation. Chief Lombardo explained that some of the cases take a lot longer to solve as they need to look into the cases further and gather more information. Commissioner Portanova mentioned that maybe some of the DB cases can be discussed in executive session as some of the commissioners could be interested in what is occurring. Chief Lombardo indicated that they can discuss some of the more serious cases that involve the community in executive session if the commission would like.

EMS Report

Chief Lombardo reviewed the EMS Report; he reported for the month of February that the Transport Rate was 79%; there was a total of 267 Transports with a total of 359 calls. The report also showed the different types of courses Chief Laucella hosted including EMT and EMR, etc.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Interview of Certified Police Officer (Executive Session)

A motion was made at 7:16 p.m. by Commissioner Magliocco to enter into Executive Session to Interview a new officer candidate. Motion made first by Commissioner Magliocco, seconded by Commissioner Portanova. There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR, motion carried unanimously.

Present in Executive Session, Vice Chairman Zamary, Commissioners Portanova, Magliocco and Vazzano, also present, Chief Lombardo, DC Byrnes, DC Kirby, DC Savarese, Detective Testi and Vivian Munoz.

Motion to exit Executive Session at 8:09 p.m. Motion made first by Commissioner Portanova, seconded by Commissioner Vazzano. There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR, motion carried unanimously.

Motion made to hire Reinaldo Arriaga as a Police Officer subject to the medical exam, drug screen and any other requisite criteria that is required by the Trumbull Police Department and is recommended that the start date be at the discretion of Chief Lombardo. Motion made first by Commissioner Portanova, seconded by Commissioner Vazzano. There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR, motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, and upon motion made by Chairman Portanova, seconded by Commissioner Vazzano, the Trumbull Police Commission adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vivian Munoz
Clerk of the Commission