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Trumbull Police Department – Police Commission Meeting
Police Headquarters – Chief’s Conference Room
Tuesday, June 09th, 2009

MINUTES

The Trumbull Police Commission was called to order immediately following the Trumbull Police Pension Board of Trustees which adjourned at 5:50PM.

Members Present: Dave Wilson, Commission Chairman
Mary Moran, Commission Vice Chairman
Sandy Galla, Commission Secretary
Lino Costantini, Commissioner
Anna Henry, Commissioner

Members Absent: William Murphy, Commissioner

Also Present: Chief Thomas H. Kiely
Deputy Chief Glenn Byrnes
Deputy Chief Michael Harry
Officer Robert Coppola
Detective William Klopfer
Attorney Vito Mazza

Public Comment None

MOTION made (Commissioner MORAN) 2nd (Commissioner HENRY) to ACCEPT the minutes of the May 12th, 2009 Police Commission Meeting. No discussion. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence

Hooker & Holcomb will be holding their Mid-Year Luncheon update on 403B Plans in West Hartford on Wednesday, June 17, 2009.

Chief Kiely's Report

The Department recently received a \$2,000.00 grant from Target Stores which will be utilized for a Child ID program in conjunction with the Amber Alert Program.

A \$30,000.00 grant from the Department of Justice is a possibility. The utilization of these funds is yet to be determined.

The Hiring Grant under President Obama's stimulus package has been submitted and we are under consideration. Until such time we hear of our status, the hiring of three officers is put on hold.

This Department will be submitting an application for a Traffic Grant; at this time, no particular amount has been designated.

As we approach the end of the Fiscal Year, some of the TPD accounts will be over approximately \$200.00. The next Fiscal Year budget allocations will be a challenge.

Events – On July 2nd, Westfield Shopping Town will be hosting a fireworks display on their grounds; Trumbull Day is being held on Friday, June 26th and Saturday, June 27th; the Memorial Day Parade was a great success which was lead by the Grand Marshal, Officer Robert Harry; on Friday, June 5th a number of TPD's officers ran in the Special Olympics' Torch Run which was an 8 mile run, the longest run of any Department in the State

Basically, crime is down from last year, however, our calls for service remains high, medical calls are up.

A suspect in a counterfeiting ring was apprehended by members of this Department. Giving a phony name, the suspect, through the AFIS machine (Automated Fingerprint Identification System) was identified as a wanted person by Immigration in connection with a counterfeit ring out of Africa. The AFIS machine, unlike the ordinary fingerprinting process, gives immediate response to the identity of the individual whose prints have been taken. This case is now in the hands of the Secret Service.

We are receiving positive feedback regarding Our Task Force officers, both Federal and State Police, as they continue to make progress.

The performance, dedication and work ethics, of one of our Task Force members, resulted in his being chosen to attend Task Force training in Denver, Colorado for one week with no expense to the Department. It is quite an honor to be chosen for this training as it is unusual for a non -FBI member to be chosen.

Officer Michael Redgate has been placed in a twelve month position in the Detective Bureau.

The two swine flu cases reported in Trumbull are being handled by the Trumbull/Monroe Health District and the Board of Education.

The American Legion sponsors a summer program (mini academy training) each year at the Connecticut State Police Academy which runs for one week. This year a member of the Trumbull Explorers will be attending with expenses being paid for by the American Legion. To be eligible for this program, the attendee must be a Junior in High School and a member of an Explorer program.

The TipLine for underage drinking in conjunction with T-PAUD is underway. All tips remain anonymous. Any crime can be reported via the TipLine.

The Trumbull Police Department will partner with the Fire Marshal to issue a press release addressing the issue of illegal fireworks.

Detective Klopfer finished up a case involving the embezzlement of \$90,000, which in turn generated 14 more victims.

A vehicle stolen from the Planet Fitness facility was recovered by Detectives Hammel & Schwartz due to their diligence.

Warrants have been prepared for the two individuals involved in a money scam; they were receiving donations throughout Town for a victim of cancer, which, after investigation, proved to be false information given by the two individuals.

Traffic

All traffic issues have been addressed.

Chief Kiely, Deputy Chief Byrnes, Lieutenant Golding, Commissioner Moran and Brian Casey recently met with Joe Oulette of the State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation Traffic Division. Mr. Oulette discussed what the Federal Government may provide for the improvement of Route 127, plans for which are currently in the preliminary stages.

The possibility of having signal light preemption devices installed in our vehicles is being discussed. There are no charges for the equipment however, maintenance fees have to be considered before a decision can be made to move forward due to the financial restraints.

Alarm Ordinance

A Proposed Alarm Ordinance Summary, prepared by Brian Casey, was distributed to the Police Commission for discussion and review.

Due to the current lack of resources, both financially and personnel wise, we lack the resources necessary to go forward with the proposal at this time. This proposal will be addressed at a Police Commission meeting on a date to be determined.

Working with the Town, Board of Education and shopping centers to reduce false alarms, and notifying residents and businesses that have numerous alarm calls, that their alarm system should be properly maintained/repaired would result in fewer false alarms. being responded to by our officers.

Grievances

Grievance 09-03 – Article 1, Section 5 (Seniority) of the Police Union Contract

This grievance was filed under the above referenced Article/Section. The Union grieves the manner in which the Detective Bureau position was posted.

There were no contract violations in the posting of this position or of the assignment of an officer to the Bureau.

On April 04, 2009, this grievance was denied by Chief Thomas H. Kiely citing Management Rights.

MOTION made (Commissioner COSTANTINI) 2nd (Commissioner GALLA) to SUSTAIN the decision of Chief Kiely to DENY Grievance 09-03. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Grievance #09-06 – Article 6 Section 5 (Medical) of the Police Union Contract

This grievance was filed under the above referenced Article/Section.:(Change in Insurance Carriers must be equal to or better than the current benefits). Until such action is taken by the Town of Trumbull to change insurance carriers, resulting in the change of benefits, this grievance cannot be handled at this level by the Commission.

MOTION made (Commissioner COSTANTINI) 2nd (Commissioner GALLA) to SUSTAIN the decision of Chief Kiely to DENY Grievance 09-06. ALL IN FAVOR. ONE ABSTENTION – Commission Chairman WILSON. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION made (Commissioner MORAN) 2nd (Commissioner COSTANTINI) to adjourn the Police Commission Meeting at 7:18PM ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted:

Jo-Ann C. Nanni
Clerk of the Commission

