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Trumbull Police Department – Police Commission Meeting
Trumbull Police Headquarters – Chief’s Conference Room
Tuesday, March 10, 2009
Immediately Following Trumbull Police Pension Board of Trustees Meeting

The Trumbull Police Department Police Commission Meeting was called to order at 7:45PM following the adjournment of the Pension Board of Trustees Meeting.

Members Present: Dave Wilson, Chairman
Mary Moran, Vice Chairman
Lino Costantini, Commissioner
Anna Henry, Commissioner
William Murphy, Commissioner

Members Absent: Sandy Galla, Secretary

Also Present: Chief Thomas Kiely
Deputy Chief Glenn Byrnes
Deputy Chief Michael Harry
Officer Robert Coppola
Attorney Vito Mazza

Public Comment: None

MOTION made (Commissioner HENRY) to APPROVE the minutes of the February 10th, 2009 Police Commission Meeting minutes; 2nd (Commissioner COSTANTINI). No discussion. ALL INFAVOR. One abstention (Commissioner MURPHY) MOTION CARRIED.

Chief Kiely’s

The overtime budget was reduced by \$100,000.00, which will be appealed. Hopefully, some of this money will be reinstated.

Capital Outlay – Reduced the request for 7 vehicles to 5. Many of the current patrol vehicles have 100,000 miles recorded.

Three openings for new recruits has not been funded; the Police Department's mechanic position has been eliminated.

With the anticipated funds from the Department of Justice's COPS (CHRP) Cops Hiring Recovery Program the hiring of three officers will be a reality. The Trumbull Police Department qualifies for these funds due to the fact they are unfunded positions by the Town. CHRP will pay, in full, for approved entry level salaries and benefits for 3 years (36 months) for newly-hired, full-time sworn officer positions (including filling existing unfunded vacancies)

A Formula Grant, based on crime statistics and population, has been awarded to the Trumbull Police Department in the amount of \$17,200.00. By submitting our statistics, we were eligible for this grant. This grant money will be used for the purchase of equipment, not available through Capital Outlay.

No directives have been submitted as to the application of spending of these funds

The funds for this program will be realized at the end of March, 2009.

Deputy Chief Michael Harry will coordinate the hiring process with MaryAnn Meier, Civil Service; i.e. standards/requirements, education, application fee, etc. Chief Kiely's and Lieutenant Savarese's input will be forwarded to Civil Service through Deputy Chief Harry.

Officer Robert Coppola, President, Trumbull Police Union, AFSCME Council 15, has taken the initiative to fully support the Stimulus Plan through his efforts to gather information as to what monies are needed for specific projects/specific amounts TPD is looking for from the Stimulus Plan. Once collected and submitted to Connecticut Council of Police, AFSCME, Council 15, Council 15 will have a Joint meeting with the Connecticut Police Chief's Association to discuss the findings and arrange a meeting with Governor Rell and State Officials.

To curtail speeding, a Speeding Initiative plan is being put together by Deputy Chief Byrnes. Upon completion, the program will be put into play.

A replacement for Retiree Detective John Mikita has not been appointed. The top six candidates' qualifications are being reviewed.

Detective Klopfer completed two arrest warrants for individuals involved in a rather involved case which took months and months statements and investigation. The warrants are out for these individuals which we cannot locate at this point. There is a possibility that they are out of the country. Our investigation will continue.

DNA testing on the vehicles involved in the ATM theft at Target enable us to apply for three arrest warrants of the suspects involved in this theft.

From February 2008 through February 2009, the Detective Bureau did 179 arrest warrants with only two being rejected.

Due to long term injuries, the sick time reflected in last months Illness/Injury report indicated ten sick days per officer per year. Taking out the long term injuries, the number of days off . The for sick time per officer averages down to six. Monitoring of illness absences will continue.

Arrest warrants are being prepared for the scam involving a donation can for contributions to a male who claimed to have cancer. The warrants are being prepared for both the husband and wife involved.

Secured funding through a grant up at Trumbull High School from T-PAUD (Trumbull Parents Against Underage Drinking. Through a text messaging tip line; the information will come into the Police Department, and with the software, the individual's message goes through Canada t and back to Trumbull PD. This enables the individual to remain anonymous there's uinderage drinking at a specific location.

At a previous Police Commission Meeting, a member of the Connecticut Canine Search & Rescue gave a presentation outlining the services provided by this organization. Members of this organization notified this Department that they were not aware of this member's appearance at the above referenced meeting. Evidently, this member was freelancing and was not active in this group