

Trumbull Police Department – Police Commission Meeting  
Police Headquarters – Chief's Conference Room  
Tuesday, May 12, 2009  
5:30PM

The Trumbull Police Commission Meeting was called to order at 5:40PM by Commission Chairman Wilson followed by the Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence.

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

Also Present: Chief Thomas H. Kiely  
Deputy Chief, Glenn Byrnes  
Deputy Chief Michael Harry

Public Comment None

MOTION made (Commissioner COSTANTINI) 2<sup>nd</sup> (Commissioner MURPHY) to ACCEPT the minutes of the April 14, 2009 Police Commission Meeting minutes. ALL IN FAVOR. Two abstentions – Commissioner Moran and Commissioner Galla. MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence: None

Chief Kiely's Report

The Swine Flu, now referred to as H1N1, is being addressed by Emergency Management who is under the jurisdiction of the Trumbull Police Department. All sworn personnel are trained in NIMS (National Incident Management System). Due to the nature of the incident, Patrice Sulik, Health Director for the Towns of Trumbull and Monroe, is the incident commander. As of this date, no cases have been reported in the towns of Trumbull and Monroe.

The necessity to purchase masks, rubber gloves, and sanitizers have an impact on the budget, however, it is in the best interest for officer safety, precaution and protection.

Larceny from motor vehicles is down 10% YTD 2008 – 2009 ; burglary alarms are down 13%, however the majority of these alarms are false alarms. Motor Vehicle arrests, YTD 2008- 2009 are up 129% while Motor Vehicle Warnings are up 19%.

Westfield Shopping Town will be hosting a "Night at the Beach" on Thursday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>; the Landsharks singing group will perform at this event followed by a fireworks display.

This year the Town of Trumbull will not be hosting the Irish Festival.

Trumbull Day will take place on Friday June 26<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>.

The Memorial Day Parade will take place on Monday, May 25, 2009. This year's Grand Marshal is Trumbull Police Department's Officer Robert Harry. Officer Harry is a United States Army Veteran He has served two tours in Iraq and one in Afghanistan. Officer Harry carries the distinction of being an Army Ranger.

While responding to an Officer Needs Assistance call at Westfield Shopping Town, Officer Blake Petty was involved in a motor vehicle accident, Car 15, caused by a vehicle pulling out into the side of Officer Petty's cruiser forcing him into the northbound lane of Route 111 at Brewster St. which resulted in a collision with a northbound vehicle. Vehicle 15 was totaled The accident is currently under investigation.

Officer Petty was responding to call at Westfield Shopping Town involving disorderly patrons. One of the patrons became combative and was subdued with the use of the Taser to end the situation. A Detective was injured during this incident and transported to St. Vincent Medical Center where he was treated and released.

Grants – We are waiting for a response regarding our request to hire three officers under President Obama's Stimulus Package/ the Rehiring Recovery Act. Once approval is received, we will go forward with the hiring process.

On May 18, 2009, \$17,200.00 to purchase three ICOP cameras will be available to us under the JAG/Byrne Grant.

Effective July 01, 2009, the mechanic position at the Police Department will be eliminated due to budget restraints.

Marilyn Geffert, Records Clerk, retired, leaving a void in the Records Department. We are waiting approval from Civil Service for rehiring for this position.

Brian Casey presented to Nexgen a feature that he felt could be utilized and beneficial in mapping. Nexgen went ahead with his features. Trumbull, Shelton & Monroe will now be able to access pin

maps from each of these locations. All police departments in the State of Connecticut will utilize these features as well as the State Police.

Deputy Chief Byrnes & Brian Casey recently went to State Police Headquarters to discuss the possibility of sharing all reports.

The Federal Narcotics Task Force allows us to have a full scale narcotics unit for the cost of one officer. Asset forfeiture money is allotted to us for our participation, as well as asset forfeitures from the Statewide Narcotics Task Force at the street level.

MOTION made (Commissioner MORAN) 2<sup>nd</sup> (Commissioner COSTANTINI) to go into Executive Session with questions regarding the reports of the States Attorney, Judicial District of Fairfield County in the death of Gonzalo Guizan on May 18, 2008 in Easton, at 6:15PM. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Executive Session included the presence of Commission Chairman Wilson, Commission Vice Chairman Moran, Commission Secretary Galla, Commissioner Costantini, Commissioner Henry, Commissioner Murphy, Chief Thomas Kiely, Deputy Chief Glenn Byrnes, Deputy Chief Michael Harry and Clerk of the Commission Jo-Ann Nanni.

MOTION made (Commissioner MORAN) 2<sup>nd</sup> (Commissioner COSTANTINI) to adjourn Executive Session at 6:25PM. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

#### Traffic Issues

All traffic issues have been addressed; contact has been made with the complainants.

#### Old Business

The proposed Alarm Ordinance will be reviewed at the June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Police Commission Meeting.

The hiring list for new recruits has expired. Upon receipt of approval for hiring, the hiring process will go forward.

#### New Business

The CPCA will be presenting the Chief's award in May to Chief Mello, Milford Police Department, Chief Gagliardi, New Britain Police Department and Chief Larabee, Stamford Police Department.

An overview of the accomplishments of the Trumbull Police Department over the past twelve months was represented by Chief Kiely.

In spite of the lack of funds putting a strain on operations of the Department, the accomplishments have grown over the past year.

Technology, has improved considerably and has surpassed Fairfield and Stratford Police Departments, who, at one time, were ahead of us technology wise.

The cruisers are being kept on the road and keeping the officers visible even though we struggle with less cars.

The use of non lethal tasers has been beneficial to the Department for officer safety.

We continue to upgrade our AEDs; the Department is also equipped with pediatric AEDs which, at this time are not available at EMS.

The interagency relationships, taking six towns and putting together an Emergency Response Team has proven to be beneficial to all towns involved. Individually, we could not support such a team. The sharing of resources is a big plus.

The Task Force funds were reinstated thanks to the determination of Chief Kiely, along with Chief Buturla of Stratford and Chief Gaudette of Bridgeport. A meeting with Senator Anthony Musto, Representative T.R. Rowe and Representative Tony Hwang was held to discuss their concerns and the consequences in eliminating the funds for this project. Through the efforts of the Chiefs, Senator and Representatives the Task Force goes on.

Our Traffic Team is highly regarded by other departments. They are frequently called upon to assist in accident investigations, in which they are well trained.

Event planning has been put to the test with various events that take place in the Town of Trumbull; i.e. Irish Festival, Trumbull Day, Indian Ledge concerts etc. The officers are fully prepared for their responsibilities and fully equipped for any incidents that may arise at these events. Their presence is justified by the thorough planning by this Department. to ensure public safety.

The Detective Bureau is held in high regard throughout the area. The Trumbull Police Department recently hosted the Fairfield County Detective Conference sponsored by Metro North. Deputy Chief Glenn Byrnes was very instrumental in running this class which was well attended.

Metro North was given the choice of going to NYPD or the Trumbull Police Department for this conference. It is a compliment to the TPD that they chose us. We are a highly respected agency, which has been approached by other local agencies for guidance and advice.

Domestic Violence has been addressed from answering calls to follow-ups with the victims who are given guidance.

Training is mandated by the State of Connecticut. Other training is available, but due to budget restraints it is difficult to attend these sessions. However, the Department still meets the mandated training.

We take advantage of any free training conferences/classes that are made available to us.

Our officers are well trained and dedicated to their profession. They will strive to maintain the integrity of the Department. The success of the Department is evident through these attributes and we will continue to move forward in our goals.

The future is not predictable without money, however the Department will meet the needs of the community. Funding restraints will not effect the obligations and dedication of our officers.

MOTION made (Commissioner MORAN) 2<sup>nd</sup> (Commissioner COSTANTINI) to enter into Executive Session at 6:55PM to discuss Chief Kiely's Evaluation and other personnel issues. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Executive Session included Commission Chairman Wilson, Commission Vice Chairman Moran, Commission Secretary Gallo, Commissioner Costantini, Commissioner Henry & Commissioner Murphy.

MOTION made (Commissioner MORAN) 2<sup>nd</sup> (Commissioner HENRY) to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:10PM. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION made (Commissioner COSTANTINI) 2<sup>nd</sup> (Commissioner HENRY) to adjourn the Trumbull Police Commission meeting at 7:15PM. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted:

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Jo-Ann C. Nanni  
Clerk of the Commission