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Trumbull Police Department – Police Commission Meeting
Trumbull Police Headquarters – Chief’s Conference Room
Tuesday, April 14, 2009
5:30PM

MINUTES

The Trumbull Police Department Police Commission Meeting was called to order at 5:40PM by Commission Chairman Wilson.

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

Members Absent: Sandy Galla, Commission Secretary
Mary Moran, Commission Vice Chairman

Also Present: Chief Thomas Kiely
Deputy Chief Glenn Byrnes
Deputy Chief Michael Harry

Public Comment/Public Forum (Moved on the Agenda)

MOTION made, Commissioner COSTANTINI 2nd Commissioner HENRY to APPROVE the minutes of the March 10,2009 Commission Meeting minutes. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence – None

Chief Kiely’s Report

Budget Update – As requested, the Trumbull Police Department came in with a 0% budget, not including wages; since then, the Department has been cut by 6.4% below that. It will be a struggle to operate with the funds that are allocated.

Our hiring grant has been submitted under unfunded mandates which we qualify for under President Obama's rehiring grant stimulus program. This programs' intent is to fund the hiring of 6,000 police positions which, to date, has drawn requests for 30,000 officers from United States' law enforcement agencies. This article appeared in the USA Today newspaper. Our request for funding for three officers more than likely will not be realized; hopefully, we will be granted funding for the hiring of one officer.

A decision was recently made by Governor Jodi Rell to discontinue funding for the Statewide Narcotics Task Force. A Trumbull Police officer is currently active in this program for which the Department receives a \$1,200.00 per month stipend. The Stratford and Bridgeport Police Departments have members in this program as well. The participation of these Departments and the TPD makes up a nine member team which, otherwise, could not be realized individually due to budget restraints.

Senator Anthony Musto, Representative T.R. Rowe and Representative Tony Hwang, recently met with Chief Kiely and discussed concerns and consequences that may arise from this elimination of funding. A letter was sent on March 17, 2009 to each of the aforementioned persons requesting their support of the unit and the reinstatement of funding for the Statewide Narcotics Force. This letter bears the signatures of Chief Thomas H. Kiely, Chief John Buturla, Stratford Police Department, and Chief Joseph L. Gaudett, Jr., Bridgeport Police Department.

Our request did not fall on deaf ears; effective June 01st, 2009, funding will be reinstated for the Task Force, raising the stipend from \$1,200.00 per month to \$2,000.00 per month.

Community Information – Ms. Emily Huber is the new General Manager of Westfield. At a recent meeting with Ms. Huber and the Westfield Public Relations personnel, we were informed that on Thursday, July 2, 2009, Westfield will host a carnival and fireworks along with entertainment. Security will be provided by the Trumbull Police Department which will be paid for by Westfield.

The Home Depot project seems to be on hold at the moment.

Assisted Living has been halted for the time being.

Trumbull Police Department's newest officer, Officer Blake Petty, is now on full duty. He graduated number one in his class and is doing a great job and is very enthusiastic.

On Route 111, Rails to Trails, a proposed traffic light installation, as well as a pedestrian crosswalk, is being considered. Eventually, they may consider having a pedestrian bridge installed.

Report from the Division of Criminal Justice-Dogwood Dr. Easton, CT Incident on 05/18/08

The above referenced report was distributed to the Commissioners for their perusal. According to the accounting of the incident provided by the officers involved, the State Police investigation, headed by Sergeant Mike DeCaesar, concluded that the statements given by the officers were consistent with their findings of their investigation.

MOTION made, Commissioner COSTANTINI 2nd Commissioner MURPHY, to enter into Executive Session at 6:00PM to discuss personnel issues. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Executive Session included Commission Chairman Wilson, 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 COSTANTINI 2nd Commissioner HENRY to conclude Executive Session at 6:10PM. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

A Quarterly Report was presented by Deputy Chief Byrnes which outlines the YTD 2008 vs YTD 2009 statistics for incidents in Town. There were decreases in larcenies, larceny from motor vehicles and motor vehicle thefts as well as burglary alarms, burglaries. The report showed an increase in DUI Arrests, MV Arrests, Motor Vehicle Warnings and Radar/Lasar arrests.

Deputy Chief Harry informed the Commission of several major arrests by the Trumbull Police Department. A fingerprint taken at a crime scene matched that of one on file for a motor vehicle theft. Thanks to the diligence of Officer Donald Allen, an arrest was made of the suspect after an investigation by Detective Sergeant Leonard Scinto and Detective Rocco Testi.

DNA collected from cigarette butts left at a crime scene will result in a warrant for the suspect. Detective Robert Schwartz is to be commended for following up on the evidence provided to him by our officers, and forwarding same to the lab. Darien police had a stolen car incident; clothing left in the vehicle matched the DNA left on the cigarette butts.

Traffic Report

All traffic complaints have been addressed.

In response to a citizen complaint, a portable Pedestrian Crossing sign was deployed on Daniels Farm Rd @ Hillcrest. This sign was found lying on the side of the road after an unknown vehicle ran it over, rendering it unusable. Replacement of this sign will be approximately \$200.00 to \$300.00.

Old/New Business – None

Public Comment – None

Public Forum - In-Car Video Cameras under the JAG/Byrne Grant

Deputy Chief Harry addressed the proposed purchase of three ICOP cameras which will be funded under the JAG/Byrne Grant (\$17, 100.00)

The features of these cameras include:

In-dash location mounts completely in the dash & includes

- a. Monitor
- b. Keyboard
- c. CPU
- d. Storage media and AM/FM radio
- e. Playback through vehicle's sound system
- f. Wireless Microphone
- g. Tamperproof File Codec

These cameras are currently in use by the Easton, Stratford and Monroe Police Departments.

The video camera automatically activates when police cruiser lights are activated. There is a 60 second pre-event video recording; this, in addition to the whole incident remains on the hard drive until it is downloaded by a supervisor. At no time do the officers have access to the information on the hard drive. This system constantly records the incident and provides audio as well.

The information contained within the video is immediately available. In the event complaints are received from the individual that has been stopped/arrested, the video/audio will provide the full incident. This helps to prevent any liability action taken by the individual who believes that he/she was unjustly detained.

As long as the cruiser is running, and there is hard drive space, the video camera will record.

All were in agreement that these cameras will certainly be an asset to the Department providing better technology, accurate incident reporting and officer safety.

MOTION made, Commissioner HENRY 2nd Commissioner MURPHY to adjourn the Police Commission Meeting at 6:25PM. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted:

Jo-Ann C. Nanni
Clerk of the Commission