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Trumbull Police Department Police Commission Meeting

Trumbull Police Headquarters - Chief's Conference Room

Tuesday, August 12, 2008

Immediately Following Trumbull Police Pension Board of Trustees Meeting

MINUTES

The Trumbull Police Department Police Commission Meeting was called to order immediately following the Trumbull Police Pension Board of Trustees Meeting which adjourned at 5:40PM.

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: Deputy Chief Glenn Byrnes
Deputy Chief Michel Harry
Sergeant James Arlio
Officer Robert Capone
Officer Robert Coppola
Donald Eng (Trumbull Times Editor
Arrived 6:10PM)

Not Present: Chief Thomas Kiely

Public Comment: None

MOTION MADE (Commissioner COSTANTINI) 2nd (Commissioner GALLA) to APPROVE the minutes of the June 25, 2008 Police Commission Meeting. No Discussion. ALL IN FAVOR.
MOTION CARRIED.

Chief's Report

On Monday, August 11, 2008 Commissioner Wilson and Deputy Chief Byrnes attended an FOI hearing in Hartford, CT on a complaint filed by Lieutenant Richard Applebaum. His complaint was relative to cases of police misconduct for which he requested additional information with regard to the findings of their resolution and/or disciplinary actions. Due to the fact that these matters were discussed in Executive Session, FOI will make a determination after reviewing additional information provided by this Department.

Detectives Kevin Hammel and Scott Murray will be recipients of a United States Attorney's Award in recognition of their superior efforts in the investigation and prosecution of significant cases of the past year. The ceremony will be held on Friday, September 12, 2008 in the New Haven City Hall, Aldermanic Chambers at 2:00PM.

Despite the bad weather on Thursday, August 7th, the Indian Ledge Concert featuring REO Speed Wagon and Styx, was a success.

Officer Edgar Perez was the first to arrive at the scene of a medical emergency of an unresponsive victim on Nichols Ave. Using the AED, Officer Perez was able to get a pulse. The victim was transported to a local hospital and has since been released. Once again, if not for his quick actions and medical training, the situation could have been fatal.

The NECESSITY and NEED OF AED's cannot be emphasized enough.
Every shift has an AED in the patrol vehicle

Town resident, Marlene Santako widow of retired Trumbull Sergeant Donald Santako, donated \$2,000.00 to the AED fund..

In September this department will be holding rifle qualifications. It will be a requirement to carry rifles in the trunks of all patrol vehicles. This training will take place for two weeks.

In October, the annual handgun qualifications will be held. The night shooting qualifications will be held in the Spring of 2009. Notice has been sent out to the Trumbull Times and it has been recommended that notification be made to the residents in the vicinity of the Range via Reverse 911.

Traffic

The traffic report prepared by Lieutenant Keith Golding was reviewed and found to be complete with no actions necessary. The Speed Trailer has been put into service, however, it is working intermittently.

Old Business

K-9 – The overview of the costs, starting up and maintaining a Canine unit, prepared by Deputy Chief Byrnes in June, and distributed at the July 25, 2008 Commission meeting was addressed. Due to the costs involved, and the budgetary restraints placed on this Department for the current fiscal year, the canine unit is not possible at this time. The good intentions of the public and the private resident's donation does not go unappreciated.

In light of having cut from the budget, AEDs, PATROL VEHICLES, TECHNOLOGY, & A REDUCTION IN VEHICLE MAINTENANCE, having a canine unit at this time is not practical or sensible.

Without the necessary tools to function at full capacity, the SAFETY of the Officers, the Town of Trumbull and its residents, businesses, etc are at stake.

Our Traffic squad assists surrounding towns with fatal accidents, our Detective Bureau assists towns in investigations. Due to the camaraderie and working relationship initiated by Chief Kiely with surrounding town's Police Chiefs, a bond has been formed in assisting one another in their time of need. Canine units are available to this Department at all times with no cost to the Department/Town.

It was recommended that the funds for a canine unit be presented and built in to the Department's next fiscal budget.

The Commission agreed that a liaison from the Police Commission be present at the next fiscal budget meetings. This will enable them to address whatever issues, budget cuts, etc. are made and/or recommended. A clearer insight is necessary as to why the funds that are requested are cut from the budget.

MOTION MADE (Commissioner Murphy) 2nd (Commissioner Costantin) to thank the resident for the generous financial support of the program, but, under today's current budget restraints, and in due respect to following years, we reluctantly DENY the offer. However, we may be knocking at her door in future years. IN FAVOR – Commissioners Wilson, Henry, Galla, Murphy & Costantini. ONE OPPOSED – Commissioner MORAN. NO DISCUSSION. MOTION CARRIED.

New Business

Commission Chairman Wilson requested that the 10 pending grievances presented by Union President Coppola, 08-03, 08-04, 08-05, 08-06, 08-08, 08-10, 08-11, 08-13, 08-14, 08-15, be granted a 30 day extension for review. This items will be placed on the agenda for the regularly scheduled meeting in September. Officer Coppola granted the extension.

Promotions

The current list for promotion to Sergeant will expire on September 09, 2008. Due to the Deadline, the Commission agreed that a promotion to Sergeant from this list be explored.

The purpose of this promotion to Sergeant is based on the promotion of Keith Golding in 2004 from Sergeant to Lieutenant. At the time of this promotion, Sergeant Golding was the supervisor in charge of the Records Division. He has since remained in this position, at his rank of Lieutenant, until such time the 10 sergeant quota was reached. At this time, a decision was made to go forward with the promotional process in order to move Lieutenant Golding out of Records and be reassigned to a Patrol function and assign a Sergeant to Records

Officer Coppola indicated that this action would create a rank reduction for the position in the Records Division. If the proposed action is taken, before bargaining or during contract negotiations, it would result in an MERA violation.

After a lengthy discussion, the Commission's decision to go forward with the promotion at this time called for an Executive Session to be put in motion.

MOTION MADE (Commissioner COSTANTIN) 2nd (Commissisoner MORAN) to enter into Executive Session at 6:30PM for the purpose of personnel matters. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Executive Session Attendees: Commission Chairman Wilson, Commission Vice Chairman Moran, Commission Secretary Galla, Commissioner Costantini, Commissioner Henry, Commissioner Murphy, Deputy Chief Byrnes & Deputy Chief Harry.

MOTION MADE (Commissioner MORAN) 2nd (Commissioner COSTANTINI) to conclude the Executive Session at 6:45PM. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION MADE (Commissioner MURPHY) 2nd (Commissioner COSTANTINI) to promote Officer Doug Smith to the position of Sergeant effective ASAP. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION MADE (Commissioner COSTANTINI) 2nd (Commissioner MORAN) to adjourn the Trumbull Police Commission Meeting at 6:46PM. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted:

Jo-Ann C. Nanni
Clerk of the Commission