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Trumbull Police Department – Police Commission Meeting  
Trumbull Police Headquarters – Chief’s Conference Room  
Tuesday, January 12, 2010  
5:30PM

The Trumbull Police Commission meeting was called to order at 5:32PM by Commission Chairman, Lino Costantini followed by the Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence.

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

Special Guest: First Selectman, Timothy Herbst

Also Present: Chief Thomas H. Kiely  
Deputy Chief Glenn Byrnes  
Deputy Chief Michael Harry  
Officer Robert Coppola

Guests: Glen Mawry - National Law Enforcement Liaison,  
Security Industry Alarm Coalition  
Robert McVeigh - President, Connecticut Alarm & Systems  
Integrator Association (CASIA)

**Address to the Commission by First Selectman**

First Selectman Timothy Herbst addressed the Board of Police Commissioners expressing his thanks to Chief Kiely, Deputy Chiefs Glenn Byrnes and Michael Harry for their assistance in his first 35 days in office.

He commended the Trumbull Police supervisors and officers who responded to the incident at the Westfield Shopping Town mall on December 26, 2009, making the best of a bad situation.

As we embark on a new budget year, all departments, with the exception of the Trumbull Police Department, have been requested to reduce their budget by 2% over their current operating levels. First Selectman Herbst indicated there will be no budget cut requests made of this Department.

In light of the incidents at the Westfield Shopping Town mall, and the bomb scare at Trumbull High School, First Selectman Herbst informed the Commission that all necessary resources will be FULLY FUNDED to implement a canine unit for the Department. Whatever is needed, the funds will be made available. He pledged that we will receive all the cooperation necessary to make this happen.

**Public Comment** - Commission Chairman Costantini requested to have a motion made to have this item moved to Item 10 and Item 10 moved to Item 4 to allow Chief Kiely to present the Alarm Abatement Ordinance.

MOTION MADE (Commissioner MORAN) 2<sup>nd</sup> (Commissioner MURPHY) to have Item 10 moved to Item 4. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

### **Alarm Abatement Ordinance**

The proposed ordinance, based on the model ordinance which is recommended by the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the Connecticut Chiefs of Police Association, and the alarm industry, was presented by Chief Kiely in a power point present presentation.

Not included in our ordinance proposal are the following.

- Fire Alarms
- Medical Alarms
- Domestic Violence
- Vehicle Alarms

The main objective of the alarm abatement ordinance is to reduce the number of false burglar alarms calls for service by 50% and provide an incentive to alarm users to be more cautious and/or fix their alarm systems.

False alarms reduces officers' patrol time, hinders response to all dispatches, slows police response to criminal alarm activations and hinders officer safety.

Security alarms are a tool for safety. Valid alarms aid law enforcement arrests of burglars, an extra tool of protection, assists law enforcement in fighting criminal activity

and keeps your community safe. However, false alarms contribute to the loss of patrol time and money. The annual cost to the Town in response to false alarms is approximately a patrolman's salary - \$56,000.00 per year.

To help ease the financial burden of responding to false alarms, this ordinance recommends a mandatory annual registration fee of \$10.00. Fines will be imposed as follows:

- First false alarm – No Charge
- Second false alarm - \$100.00 fine or Alarm User Awareness Class
- Third false alarm - \$100.00 fine

If a resident chooses to appeal the fine imposed, a hearing officer will be available to fairly evaluate the circumstances and reach a fair resolution.

Upon completion of Chief Kiely's power point presentation of the Alarm Abatement Ordinance, a MOTION was made (Commissioner WILSON) 2<sup>nd</sup> (Commission Vice Chairman, HENRY) to endorse the Alarm Abatement Ordinance as presented pending approval by the Trumbull Town Council. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

The Alarm Abatement Ordinance presented is modeled on the Town of Glastonbury ordinance in effect and endorsed by the Connecticut Chiefs of Police Association. Currently the City of Bridgeport, Town of Fairfield and Town of Shelton have implemented an alarm ordinance.

Upon registration of alarms, residents will be given a registration number and a brochure outlining the ordinance.

#### **Approval of December 08, 2009 Police Commission Meeting Minutes**

MOTION MADE (Commission Vice Chairman, HENRY) 2<sup>nd</sup> (Commissioner WILSON) to ACCEPT the minutes of the December 08, 2009 Police Commission Meeting. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

#### **Approval of the December 15, 2009 Special Police Commission Meeting Minutes**

MOTION MADE (Commissioner MORAN) 2<sup>nd</sup> (Commissioner WILSON) to ACCEPT the minutes of the Special Police Commission Meeting of December 15, 2009. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

#### **Correspondence – None**

## **Chief Kiely's Year End Report**

In a power point presentation of his year end report, Chief Kiely addressed the following:

- Burglary Alarms (Down)
- Suspicious Vehicles (Up)
- Larceny from Motor Vehicles (Down)
- Burglary – Residential (Up)

The upsurge in residential burglaries is attributed to the overwhelming use of heroine which affects the individual users functioning on an everyday basis. These individuals have difficulty in obtaining gainful, if any, employment and become dependent on burglarizing homes and/or businesses for financial gain to afford their habit.

There have been arrests made in relation to the burglaries in Trumbull and surrounding towns. In December, burglaries dropped off.

As first responders, the Trumbull Police are first on the scene to medical calls and, by law, are required to remain at the scene until a higher authority, i.e. ambulance and EMT's arrive. The dilemma Trumbull faces in these situations is the Town utilizes volunteer fire and EMS (volunteers) services in which personnel are not always readily available.

In 2009 Westfield Shopping Town mall had 8 million patrons. According to our statistics, 1,228 calls for service were made at this location accounting for 6% of the initial calls. The majority of the calls were in relation to shoplifting. Statistics also show the calls for service at the mall in no way indicates that it is unsafe to patronize Westfield Shopping Town.

Visibility of the Trumbull Police plays a big role in deterring unruly behavior of those individuals who are prone to creating unsafe surroundings.

## **2009 Initiatives**

- T-SNAP  
(Trumbull Special Needs Awareness Program, funded by Trumbull Rotary)
- Anonymous Tip Line  
(Submit anonymous tips via cell phone or web, targeting underage drinking and substance abuse, funded by T-PAUD)
- Inform Trumbull  
(Replaces Reverse 911, can call town in 20 minutes, funded by State of Connecticut)

- Crime Reports  
(Web-based tool to assist law Enforcement agencies to communicate directly with the public)

### **Capital Plan**

- Update Telephone/Server Room
- Update Server
- Communications Center  
(The communications center has not been updated since 1981. Trumbull, Easton and Monroe are in the planning stages of merging communication centers. Due to budget restraints, the State of Connecticut will not be funding this merger as originally planned)
- Roof resurfacing has been completed
- Elevator Upgrade
- Stand-alone two bay garage  
The TPD garage currently houses extra vehicles, traffic equipment, ERT equipment and vehicle maintenance necessities
- New Fencing

### **Monthly Traffic Report**

The monthly traffic report submitted by Lieutenant Thomas Savarese was reviewed finding all complaint/issues have been addressed by Traffic Division officers Richard and Thompson.

### **Public Comment – None**

### **New Business – None**

In a letter dated December 23, 2009, Deputy Chief Michael Harry withdrew his recent complaint against Lieutenant Richard Applebaum, which was read into the record at the December 08, 2009 Trumbull Police Commission.

MOTION MADE (Commissioner MURPHY) 2<sup>nd</sup> (Commissioner MORAN) to adjourn the Trumbull Police Commission meeting at 7:10PM. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted:

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Jo-Ann C. Nanni  
Clerk of the Commission