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Trumbull Police Commission Meeting
Long Hill Conference Room – Trumbull Town Hall
Tuesday, August 9, 2011

MINUTES

The Trumbull Police Commission Meeting was called to order at 7:01PM.

Members Present: Jack Testani, Chairman
Anna Henry, Vice-Chairman
Alfred Liggins, Secretary
William Murphy

Also Present: Chief Thomas Kiely
Deputy Chief Glenn Byrnes

Absent: Deputy Chief Michael Harry
Philip DiGennaro
Albert Zamarly

Public Comment

Opened at 7:01 PM.

There were no Public Comments, Chairman Jack Testani closed at 7:02 PM.

Approval of July 12, 2011 Police Commission Meeting Minutes

Chairman Testani requested a motion to approve the Police Commission Meeting Minutes of July 12, 2011 MOTION made (Commissioner Liggins), 2nd (Commissioner Murphy). There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED WITH ONE ABSTENTION, VICE-CHAIRMAN HENRY.

Correspondence

- Thank you letter received from Ms. Marianne Stook to the Police Department for the donation of a Police Car Ride.
- Thank you letter received from Mr. Rudolph Tobis for the assistance in helping locate his spouse.
- Thank you letter received from Ms. Dana Cackowski for the assistance in solving the robbery of their home.
- Thank you letter from Ms. Lillian Stubbs in the assistance during a distress call.

Chief Kiely's Report

- Chief Kiely will attend a conference regarding the National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children from September 14th – 16th. Deputy Chief Byrnes will be Acting Chief in his absence.
- Provided a brief update in reference to Hurricane Irene. He commended all the police officers for their hard work and for working long shifts. He also commended Deputy Chief Harry and Byrnes for all their hard work as well. There was a lot of preparation prior to the Hurricane and it all went well in making sure some of vehicles were placed in a secure place so they would not get damaged. There were some issues with United Illuminating as the Town had a crew designed to help us make the roads safe due to the live wires on the roads. A report will be provided as to all the issues that occurred and hope for any future encounters with United Illuminating and the police department will work more efficiently.
- Reported that there were no issues on 9/11. The police department took all the necessary precautions and patrol was increased on that day.
- There was 1 K-9 assist for the Town of Shelton with a track for a Domestic.
- There was 1 Business Burglary on Reservoir Avenue, landscaping business, truck was stolen but was recovered.
- There were 3 Residential Burglaries, Driftwood Lane, Plum Tree and Daniels Farm Road.
- There was 1 Counterfeiting this month. They use to do a couple counterfeiting a year but now they are doing 1 every month.
- There were 3 Motor Vehicle Thefts, 2 motor cycles were stolen and 1 car was taken without owner's permission.
- There were 30 Shoplifting cases plus 15 Larsons. A lot of the shoplifting cases are being solved by the store themselves. They have their own security; the stores are getting more aggressive.
- The Police Explorers went away for a week it is camp that is done every summer. The advisors, Officer Ruscoe and Officer Fedor attended camp with the Explorers. For the past 5 years the Explorers have taken numerous awards. The

camp is held at the University of Hartford campus. It is a very successful program. The youths are very dedicated to this program.

- Hiring process will be conducted again. They have 51 candidates out of those 3 of the candidates have been hired by other agencies therefore we have only 48 candidates left. Five are being sent for Polygraphs. The top 6 candidates will be interviewed. The Chief would like to have a special meeting between now and September to hire 2 new officers. There will be 2 openings in October for the Police Academy.

Deputy Chief Michael Harry's Portion of Report

- Chief Kiely presented Deputy Chief Harry's report as he could not attend meeting.
- Deputy Chief Harry has been following up on The Juvenile Review Board. It has been about a month and Ms. Stoyer has not contacted Deputy Chief Harry back. They will continue to reach out to her.
- During the month of July the detectives processed 39 fingerprint appointments which took 10 hours to process. They opened up 13 additional cases, 6 of which are still under investigation.
- As explained in last month's meetings there are times that months go by and the case is not resolved; the Detective Bureau has just obtained an arrest warrant for a burglary that occurred 8 months ago.
- Since year-to-date Traffic has been called out on 5 occasions to assist Bridgeport Police and 1 occasion to assist Shelton Police with traffic accidents, 3 of which were fatalities. In addition the officers conducted a training day in Bridgeport Police to assist them in the use of laser/mapping equipment.

Traffic Complaints/Issues – Lt. Savarese

- Traffic Sign Vandalism – Sally Ann Drive
- Speeding vehicles – Twitchgrass Road & Larkspur Road
- Speeding/Stop sign – Sylvan Avenue & Wilson Avenue

Deputy Chief Glenn Byrnes' Portion of Report

- In house reporting system has been activated again. He recommends that all take the time to look at the website and see what is happening in your area. He also recommended that the website is shared with others.
- K-9 Program – Cyrus was introduced to the Commissioners. Officer Carlson is the handler for this program. The program was explained on how the selection is made for the officer to be a K-9. They are required to write a letter of interest to the Chief of Police, agility test and interview process. The officer needs to be in good physical condition and mental, deal with stressful situations, attendance record, good with dogs and be able to care of dog, living situation. The officer also needs to be committed to the program for 4 years. Nine (9) officers applied

for the K-9 position; 6 officers passed the agility and the top 2 officers that passed the interview panel were Officer Carlson and Office G. Lee. Officer Carlson was the selected officer and he went with Lt. Cueto to select the dog that he would be training with.

Old/New Business

None.

New Business

- Chairman Testani informed the Commission that in the September Pension meeting we will need to begin at 6 p.m. and after the Police Commission meeting will take place.

Adjournment

Chairman Testani called for a motion to adjourn. MOTION made (Commissioner Murphy), 2nd (Vice-Chairman Henry) to ADJOURN the Trumbull Police Commission Meeting at 8:08 PM. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vivian Munoz
Clerk of the Commission