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Special Trumbull Police Commission Meeting
May 14, 2026
MINUTES

The Trumbull Police Commission meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m. with the recitation of the pledge and moment of silence for deceased police officers and emergency personnel.

Members present: Dawn Cantafio, Chairman
John Walkley, Secretary
James Zygmont, Commissioner

Also Present: Chief Michael Lombardo
Captain Donald Allen
Officer James Sota
Vicki Tesoro, First Selectman (arrived at 6:05 p.m.)
Stephen Librandi, Human Resources Manager

Absent: Andrea Fonseca, Vice Chairman

Public Comment
No members of the public were present to speak. Public comment closed at 5:46 p.m.

Presentation of Wellness Dog Jake
This agenda item was tabled.

Approval of Minutes
Motion by Commissioner Walkley, seconded by Commissioner Zygmont to approve the April 14, 2026 minutes. There was no discussion, all voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Correspondence
Chief Lombardo presented several correspondence items. The first was an email advising Department members that the budget was approved. He noted that the budget includes funding for an additional police vehicle and drone program support. There was a short discussion regarding drone uses and drone training/certification.

Chief Lombardo reviewed an email from the Center for Family Justice thanking the Department for participating in their Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event.

Chief Lombardo then went over a letter of thanks from a Saxony Drive resident, a letter of commendation for Lt. Falkenstein, Sgt. Harry, Officers Bartosik, Carlson, Duva, N. Dzurenda, Samonek, Sota, Takacs, and Van Fleet who were involved in a stolen car/burglary incident, a letter of commendation for Dispatcher Jennifer Pratt, and a letter of resignation from Part-Time Dispatcher Debra Ciarletta. Chief Lombardo also presented a letter from Sergeant Quinn Gagstetter advising that he will be out on a one-year deployment with the U.S. Coast Guard. Chief Lombardo asked everyone to keep Sgt. Gagstetter in their thoughts and prayers. Chief Lombardo then reviewed a letter of resignation from Officer Shane McMahon.

Chief's Monthly Report

Chief Lombardo reviewed the following reports for the month of April: calls for service, criminal incidents, motor vehicle enforcement, incident statistics, school resource officer, K-9, juvenile arrests, adult arrest summary, traffic division, detective division, training, cadet report, social worker, sick/injury, personnel count, and budget.

Chief Lombardo reminded residents to always lock their vehicles, and he also mentioned they should be careful of various types of scams.

Commissioner Walkley asked if any type of call has been out of the norm recently, and Chief Lombardo responded that he believes mental health calls have increased.

Chief Lombardo advised that Traffic Division Sergeant Paul Coutinho is working to establish school zones at all Trumbull schools.

In regard to the Detective Division's report, Commissioner Walkley asked if the Department ever applies for asset forfeiture funds and/or vehicles. Chief Lombardo responded that the Department does take advantage of the asset forfeiture program when appropriate.

New Business

Discussion and consideration of a stop sign at the intersection of Cutler's Farm and Spring Hill Roads

Chief Lombardo presented the Engineering Department's stop sign request, and

he noted that the report from the Police Department's Traffic Division recommended the stop sign, along with "stop sign ahead" and "oncoming traffic does not stop" signage. Chief Lombardo concurred with the Traffic Division's recommendation.

Motion by Commissioner Walkley, seconded by Commissioner Cantafio to approve the recommended signage (stop sign, stop sign ahead, and oncoming traffic does not stop). There was no discussion, all voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Presentation of Proclamation by First Selectman Vicki Tesoro
In recognition of National Police Week, First Selectman Vicki Tesoro read a proclamation honoring officers and their families, and expressing gratitude for their fine work and sacrifice.

Executive session to interview one police officer candidate
Motion by Commissioner Walkley, seconded by Commissioner Zygmont to enter executive session. There was no discussion, all voted in favor, and the motion carried. The three Commissioners, Chief Lombardo, Captain Allen, Officer Sota, and Stephen Librandi entered executive session at 6:34 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Cantafio, seconded by Commissioner Walkley to come out of executive session. There was no discussion, all voted in favor, and the motion carried. All came out of executive session at 7:35 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Walkley, seconded by Commissioner Zygmont to make a conditional offer of employment with a start date to be determined by Chief Lombardo to Silvia Leal pending successful completion of medical, drug, steroid, and physical agility tests. There was no discussion, all voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Adjournment
Motion by Commissioner Walkley, seconded by Commissioner Zygmont to adjourn. There was no discussion, all voted in favor, and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen Oliver
Clerk of the Commission