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Trumbull Police Commission Meeting
September 8, 2026
MINUTES

The Trumbull Police Commission meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. with the recitation of the pledge and moment of silence for deceased police officers and emergency personnel, and in condolence for Assistant Chief Byrnes.

Members present: Dawn Cantafio, Chairman
Andrea Fonseca, Vice Chairman
John Walkley, Secretary
James Zygmont, Commissioner (arrived at 5:34 p.m.)

Also Present: Chief Michael Lombardo
Captain Donald Allen

Public Comment
Public comment opened at 5:33 p.m. No members of the public were present to speak, and public comment closed at 5:33 p.m.

New Business
855 & 861 White Plains Road traffic impact
Kermit Hua of KWH Enterprises presented his traffic impact study which concluded that the planned mixed-use development at 855 and 861 White Plains Road will not have a significant impact on traffic in the area. Chief Lombardo expressed concern that the project might cause cars to queue up from Reservoir Avenue out onto White Plains Road, but Mr. Hua advised that there is sufficient distance (200 feet) on Reservoir Avenue between the driveway and White Plains Road. Chief Lombardo asked if the projected generation of four trips at peak hours is accurate for ten apartments, and Mr. Hua replied that he believes the projection is accurate, and it was made using data from the Institute of Transportation Engineers Trip Generation Manual. Commissioner Cantafio asked if there would be adequate parking at the site, and Property Owner Ken Esposito stated that there will be more than enough parking.

Motion by Commissioner Fonseca, seconded by Commissioner Walkley to approve the mixed-use development at 855 and 861 White Plains Road pending further approval from the State of Connecticut. There was no discussion, all voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Renewal of towing application from Bud's Truck & Diesel Service, Inc.
Chief Lombardo explained the towing renewal process. He recommended approval of Bud's application, noting that they have been on the tow list for many years with no problems.

Motion by Commissioner Walkley, seconded by Commissioner Fonseca to approve the renewal of the towing application for Bud's Truck & Diesel Service, Inc. There was no discussion, all voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Approval of Minutes
Motion by Commissioner Fonseca, seconded by Commissioner Walkley to approve the August 11, 2026 minutes. There was no discussion, all voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Walkley, seconded by Commissioner Zygmont to approve the August 18, 2026 minutes. There was no discussion, Commissioners Cantafio, Walkley, and Zygmont voted in favor while Commissioner Fonseca abstained, and the motion carried.

Correspondence
Chief Lombardo presented correspondence items which included letters of thanks from Bridgeport Police and Cortica-Trumbull and a letter of support for National Night Out from President Trump. He also reviewed a letter from a resident thanking Officer Oko, a letter from another resident praising Officer Velez, and a resignation letter from a civilian employee.

Chief's Monthly Report
Chief Lombardo reviewed the following reports for the month of August: calls for service, criminal incidents, motor vehicle enforcement, incident statistics, school resource officer, K-9, juvenile arrests, adult arrest summary, traffic, detective division, crime suppression unit, dive team, drone team, training, cadets, social worker, sick/injury, personnel count, and budget.

Commissioner Cantafio asked if officers are required to issue tickets for various violations when residents call in complaints, and Chief Lombardo replied that officers can use their discretion and choose whether or not to issue tickets.

Chief Lombardo advised that Officer Manzi is now working as the department's third School Resource Officer. He mentioned that he recently hosted a start-of-the-school-year lunch with the SROs where plans and expectations were discussed.

Commissioner Cantafio mentioned that she recently attended the department's Cops and Cones event at Plasko's Farm. She complimented Officers Bartosik, Johnson, and Manzi for their fine work at the event.

Chief Lombardo noted that speeding is a major traffic issue in town. He said that officers do selective enforcement in problem areas. He stated that speed humps and speed bumps are not beneficial in residential areas and that they are a challenge for public works crews.

In his review of the Detective Division's report, Chief Lombardo said that an arrest was made in an unlawful restraint case. He also noted an investigation into the sudden death of a 46-year-old woman. He said detectives are waiting for a report from the medical examiner, but a finding of foul play is not expected as the deceased suffered from known medical conditions.

Chief Lombardo provided information regarding the recent barricaded suspects case. He said two suspects are in custody and are being investigated for their roles in an organized retail theft group in Connecticut and other states.

Chief Lombardo reported that in various recent cases, the Bridgeport Regional Task Force seized 300 folds of fentanyl, 6 firearms, and 60 grams of cocaine. The task force also recovered 4 stolen cars.

Chief Lombardo provided an update regarding the drone purchase, saying that the drone is expected to be delivered in November.

Chief Lombardo stressed the importance and value of training in various areas, especially with the high number of junior officers.

Commissioner Walkley asked about the status of the newest officers. Chief Lombardo reported that two are in field training, one is at the Milford Police Academy, and two are at the POST Academy in Meriden. He said all are progressing as expected.

Chief Lombardo noted that the Police Cadets recently assisted with National Night Out and the 9/11 Memorial Motorcycle Ride.

Chief Lombardo reviewed the client statement section of the social worker report, and he noted that one client expressed thanks to Officer Hasanovic, who is one of the department's newest officers.

There was a discussion of sick, injured, and light-duty officers. Commissioner Zygmont asked if the monthly sick report was accurate in listing zero job injuries in 2026, and Chief Lombardo said it is correct.

While reviewing the personnel head count report, Chief Lombardo mentioned that a lieutenant plans to retire in October. He also noted that one sergeant is on a one-year military deployment, and a police officer is expected to deploy for a year in the near future. One other police officer is currently on a 2-month deployment.

Chief Lombardo said he will attend the Board of Finance meeting on September 10, 2026. He hopes the board will approve his request for an additional appropriation to close fiscal year 2026. In discussing the training line having been over-budget, Chief Lombardo stated that robust training is beneficial to everyone and helps protect the town from liability.

Commissioner Walkley noticed that the 2027 budget's public relations line is already fully expended. Chief Lombardo stated that the expenses are likely related to National Night Out. Chief Lombardo said he will contact Commissioner Walkley with confirmation.

Adjourn

Motion by Commissioner Fonseca, seconded by Commissioner Walkley to adjourn. There was no discussion, all voted in favor, and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen Oliver
Clerk of the Commission