



# Town of Trumbull

## TRUMBULL POLICE COMMISSION

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## POLICE COMMISSION

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ALBERT ZAMARY, COMMISSIONER  
CHRIS TREFZ, COMMISSIONER

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Trumbull Police Commission Meeting  
Trumbull Police Department  
March 10, 2020

### MINUTES

The Trumbull Police Commission meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Raymond G. Baldwin, Jr., Chairman  
Angelo Magliocco, Vice Chairman  
Lisa Labella (arrived at 6:04 p.m.)  
Chris Trefz  
John Vazzano  
Al Zamary

Also Present: Chief Michael Lombardo  
Assistant Chief Glenn Byrnes  
Deputy Chief Leonard Scinto  
Lieutenant Brian Weir  
Detective Rocco Testi  
Officer Gary Yocher

#### **Public Comment**

Opened Public Comment at 6:01 pm. There was no public comments. Public Comment was closed at 6:01 p.m.

#### **Approval of the February 11, 2020 Police Commission Meeting Minutes**

Motion made to accept the Police Commission Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2020 as presented. Motion made first by Vazzano, seconded by Trefz. There was no further discussion. Motion passed with two abstentions, Zamary and Magliocco.

#### **Chief's Report**

##### **Correspondence**

Captain Golding received an email from Security Director Scott Sikora from the Board of Education regarding the School Resource Officers Bartosik, Duva and Massa on a job

well done at the schools, the DARE Program and they have all been an asset to the schools. Mr. Sikora thanked the department for placing the SRO's at the schools.

Letter from Chief Kulhawik of the Norwalk Police Department, thanking the department for the motorcycle officers for participating in a funeral service for one of their officers who passed away.

Chairman Baldwin commented on the award ceremony that was done last year in which was very successful and asked if it will be done yearly.

Chief Lombardo indicated it would be done every two years. The next award ceremony will be in May of 2021.

### **Operations**

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Calls-for-Service report for the month of February. There was a total of 1513 calls.

The Motor Vehicle Enforcement report showed the MV Warning, DUI Arrests, MV Complaints and MV Arrests. There was a total of 160 for the month of February.

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Criminal Incidents report for the month of February, which showed a total of 67 calls.

Chief Lombardo review the Alarm Response report for the month of February, which showed a total of 101 calls.

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Incident Statistics Report for the month of February, which showed a total of 1512 alarms.

Chief Lombardo reviewed the School Resource Officers for the month of February. School Resource Officer Massa will be returning to the Patrol Division as of April 1<sup>st</sup>. The Department will train someone over the summer who will fill the SRO position. Officers Duva and Bartosik will cover all three (3) schools in the meantime.

The Arrest Summary Report Adults showed there were 48 arrests for the month of February.

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Canine Officers Report. The report provided details of the types of calls they assisted with for February.

### **Traffic Division**

The Traffic Report showed 46 cases for the month of February Officer Siljamaki handled.

### **Detective Division Report**

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Detective Division Monthly Activity report for the month of February. The division opened seven new case; one case was closed and have 21 cases still open.

### **Training**

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Training Report for the month of February. The report showed the type of training and the officers who attended the training. The report also showed the type of community policing events the officers attended.

### **Cadet Report**

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Cadet Activity Report for the month of February.

### **Sick/Injury Report**

Chief Lombardo reviewed the sick/injury report for the department for February.

### **Budget**

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Budget Report as of March 4, 2020 and indicated eighteen (18%) is remaining in the Overtime account. The overtime is significantly over and Chief Lombardo has spoken to the First Selectman on several occasions regarding the overage. He explained it is due to the shortage of police officers. The Department is doing everything they can to keep the overtime limited. They are looking to hire qualified applicants for the Department. Chief Lombardo indicated the he and Assistant Chief Byrnes presented the budget to Board of Finance and believes it went well. Assistant Chief Byrnes and Chief Lombardo spent a couple of hours with the Board of Finance answering any questions they had.

### **Legal Update**

The Legislature is in session and there are tremendous amounts of Bills that may affect Law Enforcement if they pass. Chief Lombardo has attended meetings with the Fairfield County Connecticut Chiefs of Police and shared that the FCCOP have people that work as liaisons with the Legislature for the Connecticut Chiefs.

### **Old Business**

#### **Trumbull Police Station Renovation Update**

AC Byrnes reported that Bismarck has completed 99% of the work as planned. Now moving on to some finishing work that is on the side of the Town. AC Byrnes met with Public Works Director George Estrada last week and he understands what is needed and is happy to assist the Department. Within a few more weeks, the entire Trumbull Police Station renovation will be completed. There will be more to report after Building Committee meeting scheduled for March 12, 2020.

Chairman Baldwin asked if the Department was happy with the progress.

AC Byrnes indicated yes and they have done really well.

Commissioner Vazzano complemented AC Byrnes on the project and great job on the tour of building.

Chief Lombardo indicated that most of the burden within the department has been on AC Byrnes for the past two years. As the Commission is aware, there is Building Committee, which is required by the Town Charter. AC Byrnes has been the liaison and has assured that the project ran smoothly as there was no Clerk of the Works for the project. Chief Lombard has been very appreciative of the work, as AC Byrnes he has worked late at night, comes in early and on the weekends.

Commissioner Labella being the Chairman of the Building Committee added that she is looking forward to the completion of the project. She also commended AC Byrnes for his meticulous planning. There were minimal change orders throughout the process, which meant they were able to stay under budget and therefore able to do more work than planned.

### **New Business**

#### **COPS Grant Application**

Chief Lombardo reported that the Department of Justice is offering a grant that will provide up to \$125,000 in funding to a Town or City to hire an additional Police Officer for the Department. Chief Lombardo has met with the First Selectman's office, Grants Coordinator for the Town, Maria Pires, Director of Finance and discussed the need of additional Police Officers for the Department. This would be a way to get an officer with a savings of \$125,000 for the Town. There was approval from the Town Council, First Selectman to apply for the grant. The Grant application will be submitted. They are not aware of the timeline on the decision. Lt. Lopes has been doing the majority of the work on the Grant on the Police Department's end, along with AC Byrnes. The plan is to station someone at the mall complex, where we have considerable activity, with over 8 million visitors a year. It is important to keep people safe with the presence of a dedicated officer.

AC Byrnes informed the Commission that this is a federal program through the Department of Justice and it is nationwide. The only factor that is working against the Department is that they have not offered this for several years and there seems to be a lot of interest on the grant. What needs to be done is dedicate the officer to a community policing function, which has always been the mall for our purposes.

**Executive Session**

**Interview of Entry Level Police Officer(s) Candidates**

A motion was made by Trefz to enter Executive Session at 6:17 p.m. to Interview Entry Level Police Officer(s) Candidates, seconded by Vazzano. There was no further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Members present in Executive Session: Chairman Baldwin, Vice Chairman Magliocco, Commissioners Trefz, Vazzano, Labella and Zamary. Also, present Chief Lombardo, AC Byrnes, DC Scinto, Lt. Weir, Detective Testi and Officer Yocher.

Police Applicant Eleni Hatsis entered executive session at 6:35 p.m. and exited at 6:46 p.m.

Police Applicant Devender Singh entered executive session at 7:04 p.m. and exited at 7:16 p.m.

A motion was made by Chairman Baldwin to exit Executive Session at 7:25 p.m., seconded by Trefz. There was no further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Chairman Baldwin to make an offer of employment to Eleni Hatsis and Devender Singh conditioned upon a satisfactory medical exam, physical agility test and with a start date to be determined the Chief, seconded by Vazzano. There was no further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Chairman Baldwin and seconded by Trefz to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Vivian Munoz  
Clerk of the Commission