Special Trumbull Police Commission Meeting
May 17, 2022
MINUTES

The Trumbull Police Commission meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. with the recitation of the pledge and moment of silence.

Members present: Raymond G. Baldwin, Jr., Chairman
Angelo Magliocco, Vice Chairman
Kathleen Champion, Commissioner

Also Present: Chief Michael Lombardo
Assistant Chief Glenn Byrnes

Absent: Mary Beth Thornton, Commissioner
Chris Trefz, Commissioner

Public Comment
Public Comment opened at 6:08 p.m.

Trumbull Resident, Angelo Magliocco would like to thank the Trumbull Police Department, EMS and all involved with a family member who was in a vehicle accident and passed away. He also thanked Chief Lombardo and First Selectman Tesoro for reaching out to Mr. Magliocco. Mr. Magliocco also thanked Department for the funeral escort.

There was no further Public Comment. Public Comment was closed at 6:10 p.m.

Approval of the April 12, 2022 Police Commission Meeting Minutes
Motion made to accept the Police Commission Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2022 as presented. Motion made by Commissioner Magliocco seconded by Commissioner Champion. There was no further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.
Chief's Report

Correspondence
Performance Reports pertaining to the two Police Recruits attending POST. The recruit’s progress is being monitored very closely to assure they meet all training requirements. There is one Police Recruit that will need re-training on certain areas when completes POST.

Email to Sergeant Paul Driscoll for calendar year 2021, he only used one day sick day. Chief Lombardo recognized Sergeant Driscoll, thanked him for his commitment and awarded him 12 hours of compensatory time.

Email thanking Officer Pysz (he is one of the Community Outreach Officers) for his presentation to the Senior Commission on Aging.

Operations
Chief Lombardo reviewed the Calls for Service Report for the month of April.

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Motor Vehicle Enforcement Report for the month of April.

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Criminal Incidents Report for the month of April.

Chief Lombardo reviewed the CLO Report from Officer Leos for the month of April. Chief Lombardo informed the Police Commissioners due to the staffing shortage the CLO position is going to be discontinued at the Westfield Shopping Mall effective June 1, 2022. Officer Leos will be reassigned to the Patrol Division. The funding for this position is partially funded through a Federal Grant. The grant will be suspended and the Department will not be requesting funding reimbursement for the position. It is a loss to the Westfield Shopping Center as Officer Leos has done a good job.

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Incident Statistics Report for the month of April.

Chief Lombardo reviewed the SRO Report from SRO Duva for the month of April. SRO Duva has primarily been assigned to THS but now he has been handling the other school cases due to the other two middle school SROs needing to return back to Patrol due to staff shortage.

Chief Lombardo reviewed the K-9 Reports from K-9 G. Lee and K-9 Carlson for the month of April.
Chief Lombardo reported for the month of April, there were two (2) juvenile referrals. Chief Lombardo commented on one juvenile case that occurred in May. The Department received information of a stolen vehicle at the Westfield Shopping Center. The officers located the stolen vehicle and observed someone walking towards the vehicle and was acting suspicious. The officers tried stopping the person but he took off on foot. While being chased the suspect pulled a gun from his waistband and tossed the gun away. The suspect was apprehended, taken into custody and had the keys to the stolen vehicle in his pocket. The gun was recovered. The suspect was 17 years old. He was brought in to headquarters and was charged with possession of the gun, interfering with the officers and possession of a stolen vehicle. The suspect’s mother came to pick him up. This was the second time the suspect was arrested for gun charge. Chief Lombardo indicated Det. Sgt. Pires, Officers Ball and Federowicz did a really good job on the arrest and no one was hurt.

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Arrest Summary Report for Adults for the month of April.

Traffic Division
Chief Lombardo reviewed Officer Kyle Siljamaki’s Traffic Report for the month of April. The second Traffic Division Officer was reassigned to the Patrol Division due to staff shortage. Memo to Patrol Supervisors was read at Line-Up of Traffic Issues/Complaints received and to have the Patrol Officers conduct traffic enforcement in those areas listed.

Detective Division Report
Chief Lombardo reviewed the Detective Division Monthly Activity report provided for the month of April. Chief Lombardo was happy to report eight guns were removed from the streets.

Training Report
Chief Lombardo reviewed the Training Monthly Activity report for the month of April.

Cadet Report
Chief Lombardo reviewed the Cadet Report for the month of April.

Sick/Injury Report
Chief Lombardo reviewed the sick/injury report for the department for the month of April.
Budget
Chief Lombardo commented on the Departments YTD Budget Status. The biggest line item that has been a concern is the Overtime Account as the Police Commission is aware.

Old Business
Update Staffing Shortage
Chief Lombardo indicated that he has spoken to Tom McCarthy, Human Resource Director along with the First Selectman Tesoro on the status of a defined benefit consideration. The HR Director was asked by the First Selectman Tesoro to have a study done from an Actuarial Specialist with the cost if the Town of Trumbull is to bring back a defined benefit plan for the Trumbull Police Department. The Chief Lombardo was informed the scope of work draft has been completed and was sent to an outside law firm for a quick review to assure that every topic was addressed. The law firm suggested a few changes be made. Chief Lombardo spoke with First Selectman Tesoro and she indicated she would make sure the changes be done as quickly as possible.

Chief Lombardo indicated as the Police Commissioners were made aware of, one of the Department’s Police Officers will be deployed for part of the summer.

Chief Lombardo received a resignation letter from Officer Ball. She is leaving to join the Fairfield Police Department and the main reason is that they offer a defined contribution plan.

Chief Lombardo reported with Officer Ball leaving the Department is short fourteen patrol officers. That number does not include officers that are on light duty, administrative leave for ninety days and one of the senior officers will be retiring mid-July.

Chief Lombardo mentioned he spoke with First Selectman Tesoro for the possibility of when an officer is asked to work overtime to change the pay rates to encourage the officers to work and not have to be ordered.

There was one lateral officer that applied to the Trumbull Police Department. As the Commission is aware an incentive bonus was advertised. The lateral officer passed the written test. He will be interviewed next week, if that goes well the Department will move quickly on his background check.

Chief Lombardo also reported from the Entry Level list two applicants have passed the polygraph test and physiological test. The Selection
Officers are currently working on their background checks. Unfortunately, at the moment the Department does not have a seat for the June Police Academy. There is a possibility a couple weeks before the Police Academy will contact Department of a vacancy.

**New Business**

Approval for Traffic Authority for the Memorial Day Parade Plans – Chief Lombardo mentioned the Memorial Day Parade takes place on Route 111 and Main Street, due to it being a State Road the Department applied for a Highway Use Permit to close the road on Monday, May 30th. The State has approved the closure. Chief Lombardo is asking the Traffic Authority to approve the road closure as well.

A motion was made by Commissioner Magliocco to approve the States Approval of road closure on Route 111 and Main Street for the Memorial Day Parade, seconded by Commissioner Champion. There was no further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Magliocco, seconded by Commissioner Champion to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Vivian Munoz
Clerk of the Commission