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Trumbull Police Commission Meeting
Long Hill Conference Room – Town Hall
June 9, 2015

MINUTES

The Trumbull Police Commission meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Members present: Jack Testani, Chairman (arrived at 7:25 p.m.)
Alfred Liggins
Roger McGovern
Daniel Portanova
Albert Zamary

Absent: Philip DiGennaro

Also Present: Chief Michael Lombardo
Deputy Chief Glenn Byrnes
Deputy Chief Ronald Kirby
Chief Joe Laucella

Public Comments

The Vice-Chairman opened Public Comment at 7:02 p.m.

Walter Megura, 60 Kent Lane, Mr. Megura indicated that he read in the paper a few weeks or months ago regarding police certification. Mr. Megura was a member of the Trumbull Police Department for 28 years during which time it was uncertified, but believes the department was and is still a great police department. He worked for the Sarasota Police Department for three years and they were certified and he would encourage the commission to do anything they can to help the department become certified. It would increase moral, professionalism and help with lawsuits.

Chief Lombardo responded that certification also known as accreditation, is a project assigned Lt. Scinto. What needs to be done is to assure that the polices are up to date and follow POST mandates and follow all the laws. There are approximately 100 policies and half of them have been reviewed. It would take about a year to reach tier 1 accreditation.

There being no further public comments Vice Chairman Albert Zamary closed the Public Comment at 7:04 p.m.

Approval of the May 14, 2015 Police Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion made to accept the Police Commission Meeting Minutes of May 14, 2015 as presented. Motion made first by Commissioner McGovern, seconded by Commissioner Liggins. There was no further discussion. There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR, motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence

None.

Unfinished Business

Jeffrey Meeker, John L. Simpson Company-Unilever to install a "Shield 12 Speed Display" on Merritt Boulevard

Motion was made to move Unfinished Business, Jeffrey Meeker, John L. Simpson Company out of order from agenda. Motion made first by Commissioner Portanova, seconded by Commissioner McGovern. There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR, motion carried unanimously.

Jeffrey Meeker, John L. Simpson Company, 43 Huntington Road, Bridgeport, CT, reported that he is not able to install the "Shield 12" speed display on the pole he has proposed at the May 14th meeting due to it being owned by United Illuminating on Merritt Boulevard. The commission was provided with a picture of the location.

Chief Lombardo clarified that Mr. Meeker at previous meeting had requested approval of the commission to place the "Shield 12" speed display on the utility pole but was denied by UI therefore he was present at the meeting again to request approval of another location. Mr. Meeker explained it would be placed in between the directional signs and the utility pole of UI.

Deputy Chief Kirby reported that the Traffic Division indicated that the location being proposed there are no issues as in line of site and they agreed with the location.

Commissioner Liggins asked if the underground location was checked for any utility wires. Mr. Meeker indicated that there are many. Chief Lombardo asked if the sign would be a solar power and that no underground wiring would be required. Mr. Meeker indicated that is correct and indicated that the installation of the pole would be dug by hand.

Commissioner Portanova made a motion to approve Mr. Meeker's installation of a Shield 12 speed display on Merritt Boulevard as set forth per item 7 on the agenda by Mr. Meeker. Motion made first by Commissioner Portanova, seconded by Commissioner McGovern. There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR, motion carried unanimously.

Chief's Report

Chief Lombardo indicated that Deputy Chief Kirby will be providing a new format for the Calls-for-Service report with additional information as the YTD and current month.

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Calls-for-Service for the month of May and indicated there were about 1,800 calls. For the month of May there were 186 Building Checks in which the number will be consistent as the officers are being more diligent during evening and midnight shifts; 66 Community Policing, the officers are walking and talking to residents and businesses. If there is an

extra patrol car for the shift they are spending a little extra time at the mall and making themselves visible as the department is receiving calls for unwanted people at the mall.

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Arrest Summary for the month of May, it was a busy month. There were 48 arrests for the month of May which included larcenies, DUIs, evading's, trespassing, disordering conduct and domestics.

EMS Report

Chief Laucella reported that at EMS there has been extensive call volume over the past few months. There are about 4,200 to 4,300 medical calls for the year. Another reason Chief Laucella stopped is to share that EMS will be deploying a second paramedics in the field during weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. In the report presented under ALS Intercept it shows the amount of times there is an ambulance on scene but the paramedic is not available as they are taking care of a patient. EMS is hoping with the second paramedic in the field it will reduce the need of an ALS Intercept from another provider which will help reduce cost and most important time provide high level of care for patients as the demand keeps increasing. The hours of coverage with the second ambulance will be to start at 8 a.m. vs 7 a.m., this will be in a testing phase as he has noticed there is a down time between 6 a.m. and 8 a.m. If the department notices they have missed a few call at 7 a.m. they will revert back to the 6 a.m. start time for the ambulance coverage. EMS currently has 60 volunteers who are actively riding around the clock, those additional resources will allow the paramedics to be out of the ambulance so they attend to a medical call and move on to a next call if needed quicker. EMS has been without an ambulance for about 2 months, it had a very expensive mechanical issue. EMS has purchased 2 new sprinters over the past year and a half which cost approximately \$90,000 each. It was decided by the Public Works Director and EMS Commission to not continue fixing the ambulance has been breaking down and a new box style ambulance has been ordered. The department will have 2 box style ambulances and 2 sprinter ambulances. The new ambulance will be in service by the end of summer or beginning of fall. EMS has been updating their equipment and they now have extrication equipment which they did not have in the past. Chief Laucella thanked all for their support, it has been a great working relationship with the Trumbull Police Department and they work very well together.

Chief Lombardo agreed the the two departments have a very good working relationship.

Traffic Report

Item #1: Complaint: Booth Hill Road

Complainant reports speeding cars in the area of 134 Booth Hill Road. Traffic Units and Patrol Division were advised to patrol the area and take enforcement action as needed. The speed trailer will be assigned to that area.

The Speed Trailer is currently on Madison Avenue, it was on Moose Hill Road and will be placed on Booth Hill Road the following week. Chief Lombardo mentioned that the department will be looking into the solar speed displays that could be installed on a pole and will consider purchasing for the next fiscal year.

Item #4: Complaint: Property manager for Trumbull Town Commons requested that the Traffic Division look into installing guard rails at Park Lane and Main Street. Traffic Division found the

number of accidents at the intersection was low and that guard rails would not increase the safety of the area. A DOT traffic study is being conducted related to that intersection.

The 2014/2015 DUI Enforcement Grant began on November 21, 2014 and will continue through September 7, 2015. During May 2015, 86 citations were issued during DUI details. No DUI arrests were made.

The Town of Trumbull is participating in the Redflex Student Guardian bus video violation program which started this school year. Passing school bus violators are identified through a video system mounted on school buses. Six (6) citations were issued for the month of May.

On May 27th 2015, Traffic Officers Richard and Thompson assisted Fairfield Police Department with a serious accident.

On May 27th 2015, Traffic Officers Richard and Thompson assisted Monroe Police Department with a serious accident involving a tanker truck on Rt 25.

Commissioner McGovern asked about Park Lane and Main Street regarding a traffic light DOT was looking into. Chief Lombardo indicated that back in the winter there was an accident and someone was requesting a traffic light be installed. Commissioner McGovern also asked if there was an update on the light. Deputy Chief Kirby indicated that DOT is still working on it.

Commissioner McGovern mentioned that on Route 111 the crossing flashing light on the Rails to Trail was constantly flashing and no one was crossing. DOT will be contacted.

Police Cadet Report

Chief Lombardo reported for the month of May the Cadets attended a Stations Day Competition at POST, Boy Scout Jamboree in Orange and Fairfield in which they assisted in traffic/security, Center for Family Justice assisted with traffic, they placed flags at the Veterans graves and marched in the Memorial Day Parade.

Chief Lombardo reported that he and Officer Fedor where interviewed by Channel 17 regarding the Police Cadet program. The interview will be aired sometime in September.

Sick/Injury Report

Chief Lombardo reviewed the sick report, some of the officers out on long term injuries have reported back to work.

Detective Bureau Report

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Detective Bureau report for the month of May.

The purse snatching case from February is still being worked on. DNA evidence that was recovered during a search warrant at an apartment in Bridgeport has been forwarded to the lab. An arrest warrant will be applied for if a positive hit is received.

Detective Murray had been working on a fraud case and he was able to recover over \$10,000 for the victim. The burglary on Madison Avenue, the department has sent some blood samples to the lab for processing to get a DNA match.

Burglary on Oriole Lane, at the time of the crime fingerprints were lifted and were sent to the CT State lab. They received a positive identification, the investigation was re-opened and Detective Schwartz is working on an arrest warrant.

There was a sexual assault that was reported earlier today.

Chairman Testani asked for an update for the police substation at the mall. Chief Lombardo indicated that an email was received from a town official and she indicated that some progress was received and she will be speaking with Deputy Chief Byrnes after the cabinet meeting at town hall. Deputy Chief Byrnes provided the commission with an email from Mr. Madden in which it included the floor plan of the proposed location for the Police Substation and indicated that they still need to finalize the pricing for the necessary upgrades to the space that is being proposed. Once Mr. Madden receives all the information he needs to present to the corporate office he will request for a final sign off for the project.

Chairman Testani would like a definitive answer by the July meeting from Mr. Madden regarding the police substation. The next step would be to get the First Selectman involved in speaking with the General Manager as well of the status. Mr. Madden has been informed that the commission would like him to attend the July meeting and he has no objection in attending.

Commissioner Liggins asked about the tower at headquarters. Deputy Chief Byrnes reported that the installation of the antenna is getting close and within the next couple of months there will be some activity. He also asked when the radio system will be up and running. Deputy Chief Byrnes responded that it will take some time as there are several elements that need to be put together but all the radio equipment has been installed at the headquarters which is the largest part. The hardware at each antenna location needs to be installed and operational. The new portables that the officers carry and mobiles that are in the cars would need to be upgraded or replaced which is in the process.

Chairman Testani asked about the Dispatch Center. Deputy Chief Byrnes also reported that the construction and renovations within the building are the biggest portions and many of the components have been partially or completed in the dispatch center some of which were not planned on. The Generator has been replaced and installed after 35 years. The electrical had to be upgraded in the basement level to provide more electrical feeds in the equipment room. The UPS System which is a power supply which provides continues power should there be a loss in the street has been updated as well. Demolition of the Communications Center will take place once the preparation for the offices are completed to relocate the Records Division, the Sergeants offices and the Communications Center as they will be relocated for a few months. There was also a delay in the demolition as there was some spray on fire proofing material that was found in the steel frames and that needed to be checked for any hazard. The material has been tested several times and it does not contain any hazardous level of asbestos, because of the nature of the material it needs to be removed completely before construction begins. Question was asked how long will it take for completion. Deputy Chief Byrnes responded once it begins it should take approximately 4-

5 months. Chief Lombardo indicated that the project would have been about 1/3 way done if they had not run into the problem of the spray on fire material. The department needs to go before the Board of Finance and Town Council to request the funds to remove the material which is a cost of approximately \$110,000. This was an unexpected problem. Deputy Chief Byrnes has been working with the contractors this way the project does not fall behind while Mr. Marsilio is away.

Commissioner Liggins asked the status on the mechanic position. Chief Lombardo reported that a DRAFT job description has been prepared between Deputy Chief Savarese and Jim Haselkamp. The current mechanic will not be applying for the position as he has been promoted at his current job. The job will be posted.

Chief Lombardo also reported that the Financial Assistant, Denise Sepot informed him that her last day would be June 30th. Unfortunately she hurt herself, it was not job related and has not been able to return back to work. Vivian is currently learning some of the job functions of Denise via telephone and with the help of Finance. She has been trying to do both positions. She is working overtime to complete the functions for both jobs; both jobs are full time jobs. Chief Lombardo thanked her for all her help.

There being no further business to discuss, and upon motion made by Commissioner McGovern, seconded by Commissioner Portanova, the Trumbull Police Commission adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vivian Munoz
Clerk of the Commission