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Trumbull Police Commission Meeting
Long Hill Conference Room – Town Hall
August 18, 2015

MINUTES

The Trumbull Police Commission meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Members present: Jack Testani, Chairman
Roger McGovern
Daniel Portanova
Albert Zamary

Absent: Philip DiGennaro
Alfred Liggins

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

Approval of the August 18, 2015 Police Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion made to accept the Police Commission Meeting Minutes of August 18, 2015 as presented. Motion made first by Commissioner Zamary, seconded by Commissioner Portanova. There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR, motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence

None.

Chief's Report

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Calls-for-Service for the month of July and indicated there were 1,817 calls. Calls for Service Report showed 150 Alarms and 98 False Alarms for the month of July. Motor Vehicle Report showed the different types of enforcements, MV Warnings, DUI Arrests, MV Complaints, MV Arrests, there were 281 Distractive Driving for the month of July. Chief Lombardo also presented a new Arrest Summary report that broke down the calls-for-service a little further by shift, times and days. The commission liked the new format and would like to continue to receive the new report for future meetings.

Traffic Report

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Traffic Report and indicated there were 125 cases for the month of July and it also showed the breakdown of how many cases each officer handled and the type of case. The report also showed that all 4 motor units were upgraded; Radar Enforcement was conducted on Whitney Ave near Riverside Drive as a follow up to the speed trailer. There were 10 citations issued for speeding.

Supplemental Information

- The 2014/2015 DUI Enforcement Grant began on November 21, 2014 and will continue through September 7, 2015.
- Distracted Driving enforcement began at the end of July 2015 and will continue during August 2015. Statistics will be available after the detail is completed.

Chairman Testani asked Deputy Chief Kirby for an update on Whitney Avenue. DC Kirby is still working with the Engineering Department and will follow-up again.

Chief Lombardo indicated that the Speed Trailer will be place out especially since school will begin on September 1st.

Training

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Training Report which showed several training courses for the month of July. The trainings were, Recruit, Dive Team for two (2) days, Domestic Violence training in Wethersfield in which four (4) officers attended. There were also some Community Policing, which Chief Lombardo and Officer Fedor attended the Trumbull Drug Task Force meeting. Office Fedor attended TPAUD Enforcement Committee meeting and the Trumbull Library Leader Focus Group.

Cadet Report

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Cadet Report which showed a couple meeting that were held along with an event the Cadets assisted the Rotary Club, Sunset Run.

Also, on July 26th, sixteen (16) of the Police Cadets attended a weeklong event at the Cadet Police Academy along with approximately 360 other cadets. Jenna Racz was chosen to be the Chief in the Cadet Police Academy which over sees the entire operation during the weeklong event. Chief Lombardo mentioned that he has asked Officer Fedor and Cadet Racz to attend the September Police Commission meeting. Chairman Testani would like to extend the invitation to the rest of cadets who received an award to the September meeting. Chairman Testani would like to provide each cadet with a certificate on behalf of the Trumbull Police Commission with a congratulations letters for their hard work.

Officer Fedor was selected to be the Assistant Academy Director for the program. He will attend monthly meetings throughout the year to plan the week long academy and to ensure its success.

Sick/Injury Report

The Commission reviewed the report, there were no questions.

Detective Bureau Report

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Detective Bureau report for the month of July, the department closed 60 cases and 56 cases are still open. An arrest was made for a robbery that occurred at Knecht's gas station several weeks ago. The suspect was also involved in a robbery in Bridgeport. Detective Wheeler and Detective Schwartz worked on the case.

EMS Report

Chief Lombardo reviewed the EMS Report; he reported for the month of July 93% of the calls were handled by Trumbull EMS. There are currently 13 new members who are in training. The report also provided vehicle, equipment, EMT class updates and the recent events EMS has participated in the month of July. Also for the month of June and July EMS worked (volunteered) an estimate of 1,000 hours.

Commissioner Zamaro asked how many full time staff members does EMS have. Chief Lombardo indicated that he is not sure if they have full time staff during the evening but believes they do during the day. Chief Lombardo will ask Chief Laucella.

Unfinished Business

Chief Lombardo provided an update on the police officers new uniforms, the bid has been signed and forwarded to the Purchasing Department who will then send to vendors and if interested the companies will bid. Chief Lombardo reported that the uniforms will probably be in place sometime in November of this year.

Chief Lombardo reported four (4) cars will be ordered as soon as possible. The Board of Finance and Town Council both approved two (2) additional cars for the police department. The cars should arrive between October/November as they need to be outfitted with the equipment.

Chairman Testani complimented Deputy Chief Savarese as he did a great job presenting to the Town Council and has been acknowledge often by members of the Town Council. Deputy Chief Savarese also mentioned that the Trumbull Police Department was complimented in general. Chairman Testani mentioned that Chairman Elaine Hammers who suggested how to fund the additional cars without having to go for a supplemental appropriation.

Chief Lombardo thanked Deputy Chief Savarese as he worked hard in preparing to present to the Town Council. Deputy Chief Savarese also oversees the fleet and works hard to make sure cars are working properly.

Chairman Testani mentioned that at the meeting discussion came up regarding the repair work for the cars and the mechanic at the police department. Chairman Testani wanted to clarify that the PT Mechanic left for another opportunity and the department is actively looking for a full-time mechanic. Deputy Chief Savarese responded that at the present time the full-time mechanic position is being processed through Civil Service. Jensen and Town Highway has been helping with the maintenance of the vehicles as in repairs, tire changes, etc. Chief Lombardo indicated that Civil Service is working on finalizing the job posting so it can be advertised.

Chairman Testani indicated that the department has purchased 22 vehicles over the past four years, as this was an issue at the Finance meeting.

Chief Lombardo reported that recruit Jimenez will be graduating from the Police Academy on September 15th and will do 12 weeks of field training and should be on his own in the beginning of January. Recruit Iucci will be graduating in about a month.

Commissioner McGovern asked if there are any openings and if there are any retirements expected.

Chief Lombardo indicated there are no openings at the time and no one has indicated they will be retiring. There are few officers that have the time and it is possible. In anticipation of the possibility of some retirements Chief Lombardo has been working with Human Resource to get an entry level exam list and should there be an opening they can begin the process quickly.

Commissioner Portanova asked if the department is hiring for officers how is it advertised. Chief Lombardo indicated they have several ways. Commissioner Portanova asked if the commission could be informed when the department does advertise. Chief Lombardo responded he will let the commission know.

Commissioner McGovern asked if the department still advertises through the Police Chiefs Association of Connecticut. Chief Lombardo responded that they do not; the department will give the test.

Chief Lombardo informed the commission that the accreditation is still being worked on and a major part of it is the policies. Lieutenant Scinto attended a training session on accreditation. It will take a while for the department to become accredited.

Deputy Chief Byrnes spoke with the operations manager at the Westfield Shopping Center a couple weeks ago and they should begin something with the police substation within the next 30 days.

Chairman Testani asked if the K9 and Patrol visit the Westfield Shopping Center as part of their daily patrol. Chief Lombardo indicated that they do make it part of their daily patrol and there is no set pattern.

Chairman Testani mentioned that there had been a rumor in Trumbull through social media that there was a potential riot and some gang interaction at the movie theater as there was a new movie release. Chief Lombardo responded that there was no riot and there was no disturbance at the Bowtie Theater. Chief Lombardo and Deputy Chief Kirby met with the manager at Bowtie Theater and they took some precautions that can be discussed but not on camera.

Chairman Testani asked for another update regarding the Police Substation at the September meeting. Deputy Chief Byrnes indicated that if he receives an update sooner than the September meeting he will email the commission.

Deputy Chief Byrnes provided an update on the Police Headquarter renovation project. Everything went well with the relocations within the department. Deputy Chief Byrnes provided some before and after pictures of the dispatch center.

The meeting was suspended for a medical emergency in the meeting room at 7:41 p.m.

The Chairman adjourned meeting due to lack of quorum at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Vivian Munoz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail that ends in a small loop.

Vivian Munoz
Clerk of the Commission