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Special Trumbull Police Commission Meeting
Trumbull Police Department
August 16, 2016

MINUTES

The Trumbull Police Commission meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Members present: Roger McGovern, Chairman
Albert Zamary, Vice Chairman
Angelo Magliocco
Daniel Portanova
John Vazzano

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

Public Comments

The Chair opened Public Comment at 5:01 p.m.

There were no public comments Chairman McGovern closed the Public Comment at 5:02 p.m.

Approval of the July 12, 2016 Police Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion made to accept the Police Commission Meeting Minutes of July 12, 2016 as presented. Motion made first by Commissioner Vazzano, seconded by Commissioner Portanova. There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR, motion carried unanimously.

Chief's Report

Correspondence

Officer Bartosik was given a letter of commendation for Lifesavings. Officer Bartosik was assigned to a suspicious female on the property of a private home. He did not locate the party and he expanded his search to a nearby wooded area that bordered

Route 15, and located the female. Trumbull EMS and Troop G were called to assist with the party as the officer was concerned about the female's behavior. The female broke away from those assisting her and ran across the southbound Route 15 traffic lanes. Officer Bartosik ran across Route 15 towards the median as the female began to climb the median and was about to jump into oncoming traffic. Officer Bartosik's quick actions prevented the female from being injured or killed by highway traffic.

An email was received thanking both Officers Robert Lee and Anderson for their compassion towards the resident during a recent case she had where the officers responded.

A letter was received from Jeffrey Veneziano on behalf of the Special Olympics in Connecticut and Law Enforcement Torch Run program, thanking the Trumbull Police Department for hosting a Cop-On-Top, Torch Run and the sale Adopt-A-Miles. They also thanked all the officers who participated in the events along with Detective Sergeant Weir who continues to keep the Trumbull Police Department involved.

Officer Jimenez was given a letter of commendation for larceny/burglary investigations. Officer Jimenez was patrolling the Hawley Lane Target parking area as someone provided him with a TD Bank debit credit card they found. He contacted the party of the debit card, who was a Fairfield resident and learned that it had been stolen from the parties vehicle in Fairfield. While patrolling the area of the Trumbull Mall he stopped a vehicle that was unregistered and recognized the operator as the party he had seen on the video surveillance who was using the stolen debit credit card. As Officer Jimenez continued his investigation and with the assistance of Officers Coutinho and Driscoll they determined that the suspect made purchases with other stolen credit cards of victims in Milford and Fairfield.

Officer Petty received a letter of recognition. While patrolling his sector on July 16, 2016, he came across a female motorist who had run out of gas and was waiting for a friend to transport gasoline to her. He noticed that she had a 15 month old child with her and due to the extreme hot weather he let the motorist and her child stay in your patrol vehicle in the air condition until her friend arrived to assist her. This deed showed his dedication and compassion as a police officer.

Operations

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Calls-for-Service report for the month of July and indicated that there are over 16,000 calls the officers have responded. There are 182 Alarms for the month of July.

The Motor Vehicle Enforcement report showed 200 stops for the month of July. The report showed the breakdown of several categories, 85 MV Warnings, 2 DUI Arrests, 35 MV Complaints and 78 MV Arrests.

Chief Lombardo reported that the Criminal Incident report showed that the number of larcenies is above FY 2015. The report also showed Vandalism, MV Theft/Attempt, Burglary, Assault, Robbery and Domestic Violence. The Calls for Service by time of day and day of week, days and evenings are the busiest. On the Incident Statistics, the report shows all types of calls the officers responded to with a total of 1,610 incidents for the month of July.

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Arrest Summary Report for Adults; it indicated there were 60 arrests for the month of July. The Arrest Summary Report shows the time, arresting officer, type of incident and arrestees name.

Traffic Report

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Traffic Report and indicated there were 65 cases for the month of July. Chief Lombardo reviewed the types of cases assigned, including: Officer Thompson was assigned to meet with Mark Demming from the Board of Education regarding a parking problem at the emergency exits in the rear of Tashua School.

Officer Thompson reviewed plans for a business development at 965 White Plains Road.

There was some DUI Enforcement that took place in July with a total of 52 citations and 19 warnings issued.

The Speed trailer was deployed at Main Street and Broadway in preparation for the new traffic pattern in the area.

Commissioner Magliocco asked for an update on Dayton Road and Asbury Drive. DC Kirby indicated that Officer Thompson conducted traffic enforcement and officers have been assigned to the location on nine different occasions and there have been a low number of violations. The officers are planning to return to that location at different times and will try to pinpoint the times the violations are occurring.

Training

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Training Report for the month of July which showed several training courses the officers attended. Chief Lombardo reported all the officers and detectives have received the training on Fair and Impartial Policing. The supervisors are currently attending the training.

Cadet Report

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Cadet Activity Report for the month of July which showed the Cadet Police Academy that the cadets attended which is a week long. Out of 300 to 400 cadets throughout the state once again this year one of our cadets was chosen to be the Chief. Another cadet was chosen to be the Captain at the academy. Chief Lombardo indicated that he will ask the two cadets to attend the next meeting to explain what the academy entails and to recognize the two cadets.

Sick/Injury Report

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Sick/Injury report for the month of July, and asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Detective Bureau Report

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Detective Bureau report for the month of July; the department opened 108 new cases. They closed 94 cases in the month of July; there are 30 cases that remain open for the month of July.

EMS Report

Chief Lombardo welcomed Chief Laucella as he was present for the meeting. Chief Laucella reported that one of the new ambulances caught on fire and with that occurring the department was down one ambulance for about a week and a half. EMS was able to utilize an older ambulance. Chief Laucella reported that they are looking to replace the ambulance within the next four to five months. Chief Laucella reported that for the month of August 99% of the calls have been covered by EMS. Chief Laucella thanked Chief Lombardo and police department in assisting with the incident on the ambulance that caught on fire.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

School Resource Officer Program (SRO).

Chief Lombardo informed the commission of the Memorandum of Understanding regarding the SRO position that will be in place soon. The town attorney reviewed the MOU and made some minor changes and indicated that everything else looked in order. Chief Lombardo thanked DC Byrnes for drafting the entire MOU.

Chairman McGovern asked if the officer will be wearing their police uniform in the school along with the handgun. Chief Lombardo responded that yes they will have their handgun as it is part of their uniform. That was one of the topics that came up in the MOU. The officer will also have days that they will be in plainclothes. Chairman McGovern asked if there will still be an officer in the school parking lot. Chief Lombardo indicated that a police car will still be in place. Chairman McGovern asked if the officer outside will be able to assist the officer in the high school. Chief Lombardo responded that if there is an incident and help is needed that officer is able to assist inside the school.

Commissioner Magliocco mentioned that the SRO position in the MOU indicates they work Monday – Friday, should a holiday be on a Monday, would that be a paid holiday for the officer. Chief Lombardo responded should the officer not be needed at the

school due to a holiday the officer might be called into headquarters to assist in manpower coverage or they might choose to take a vacation day on that holiday.

Discussion and consideration of signage, Stemway Road and Fieldcrest Drive emergency vehicle entrance to Tashua Elementary School

Chief Lombardo reviewed the documents presented to the commission. Chief indicated that in the past there has been complaints about neighbors/friends are blocking the driveway to the emergency vehicle entrance to Tashua School. The commission agreed on the recommendation from the police department to have a sign be placed indicating "Do Not Block Driveway."

A motion was made by Chairman McGovern to place a sign "Do Not Block Driveway." Motion made first by Chairman McGovern, seconded by Commissioner Vazzano. There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR, motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session - Interview of Entry Level Police Officer(s)

A motion was made at 5:34 p.m. by Commissioner Portanova to enter into Executive Session to Interview Entry Level Police Officer(s). Motion made first by Commissioner Portanova, seconded by Commissioner Vazzano. There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR, motion carried unanimously.

Present in Executive Session, Chairman McGovern, Vice Chairman Zmary, Commissioners Portanova, Magliocco and Vazzano, also present, Chief Lombardo, DC Byrnes, DC Kirby, DC Savarese, Officer Yocher and Vivian Munoz.

Candidate Quinn Gagstetter entered Executive Session at 6:11 p.m. Mr. Gagstetter exited at 6:32 p.m.

Candidate Emily Gisvold entered Executive Session at 6:45 p.m. Miss. Gisvold exited at 6:57 p.m.

Motion to exit Executive Session at 7:01 p.m. Motion made first by Commissioner Zmary, seconded by Commissioner Vazzano. There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR, motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Portanova that the Town of Trumbull and the Trumbull Police Department hire Quinn Gagstetter subject to the medical and drug testing with the date of appointment to be determined at the discretion of the Chief of Police of Trumbull. Motion made first by Commissioner Portanova, seconded by Commissioner Vazzano. There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR, motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Portanova that the Town of Trumbull and the Trumbull Police Department hire Emily Gisvold subject to the medical and drug testing with the date of appointment to be determined at the discretion of the Chief of Police of Trumbull. Motion made first by Commissioner Portanova, seconded by Commissioner Zamary. There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR, motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Portanova to approve the Chief to initiate a hiring process for certified officers on an on-going basis for the purpose of filling patrol officers vacancies. Motion made first by Commissioner Portanova, seconded by Commissioner Vazzano. There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR, motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, and upon motion made by Commissioner Vazzano to adjourn meeting, seconded by Commissioner Portanova, the Trumbull Police Commission adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vivian Munoz
Clerk of the Commission