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Trumbull Police Commission Meeting
Trumbull Police Department
February 9, 2021

MINUTES

The Trumbull Police Commission meeting was called to order via virtual at 6:22 p.m.

Members present: Raymond G. Baldwin, Jr., Chairman
Angelo Magliocco, Vice Chairman
Chris Trefz
Albert Zamary

Also Present: Chief Michael Lombardo
Assistant Chief Glenn Byrnes
Deputy Chief Leonard Scinto

Absent: John Vazzano

Public Comment

Opened Public Comment at 6:23 pm.

There were no public comments. Public Comment was closed at 6:24 p.m.

Chairman Baldwin read a statement before the Commission moved to the next item on the agenda. Chairman Baldwin read the following:

“On July 28, 2020, the now chairman of Trumbull’s newly created Diversity Committee, Tara Figueroa, posted the following statement on her Facebook page and I quote:

‘Please consider signing and sharing a petition I created to classify the Blue Lives Matter flag as a symbol of racial injustice and hate.’

“On behalf of not only the men and women of the Trumbull Police Department and the members of the Trumbull Police Commission but also on behalf of all the nearly one million men and women who wear the uniform and protect and serve our cities, towns and States throughout the country, we condemn this inflammatory message in the strongest possible terms and demand an immediate apology from Ms. Figueroa. This kind of vitriol only serves to further divide our citizens and our nation at a time when we should be trying to heal our wounds.

“Ms. Figueroa has clearly demonstrated a predisposition to hate herself and her words are not only hurtful but dangerous. She has further stated that if someone’s Blue Lives Matter flag is stolen she will gladly replace it with a Confederate one. This is not the kind of person who should be chairing any town committee let alone one Trumbull has created to promote diversity and racial harmony.

“If a Trumbull police officer had espoused a similar derisive message about Black Lives Matter or any other activist group they would be castigated by Ms. Figueroa and her committee and rightfully so. Hateful and provocative words such as Ms. Figueroa’s cannot be tolerated of anyone particularly someone who holds a public position. At the very least, she owes our police officers and our citizens an apology. Frankly, we think she should resign as a member of the Diversity Committee altogether.

“By the way Ms. Figueroa, there is a Blue Lives Matter flag and a United States Marine Corps flag flying on my house and I’m proud of both of them and I’m proud of the men and women who serve under those flags.”

Chief Lombardo said that the comments he saw on social media this morning from the past summer from the now Chairperson of the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Task Force are really examples of a predisposition towards our officers that they are biased against members of society. Which I believe could not be further from the truth. The Trumbull police officers with whom I have worked over 6 years now are proud professionals and do not deserve to be judged as such. I truly look forward to further discussion with Ms. Figueroa and I would like to hear from her about the comments that were posted by her. I look forward to hearing from her.

Approval of the January 12, 2021 Police Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion made to accept the Police Commission Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2021 as presented. Motion made first by Commissioner Magliocco, seconded by Commissioner Trefz. There was no further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the January 21, 2021 Special Police Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion made to accept the Special Police Commission Meeting Minutes of January 21, 2021 as presented. Motion made first by Commissioner Trefz, seconded by Commissioner Magliocco. There was no further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Chief's Report

Correspondence

News release from the U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Connecticut regarding a Stratford man that was sentenced to more than 5 years in Federal Prison for Drug and Firearm offenses. Towards the end of news release, they noted the cooperation of the Trumbull Police Department along with other police departments. Chief Lombardo indicated that there were over 19 defendants that were arrested overall.

Memorandum from Lt. Smith commending Officer Jimenez for three (3) cases during the month of January.

Email from Trumbull Resident thanking Officers Lee and Ruiz as they assisted him when his car was damaged. They conducted themselves as professionals and indicated what a great police force the Department has.

Operations

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Calls for Service Report for the month of January, which showed 1470 calls. For calendar year, 2020 there were over 21,000 Calls for Service.

The Criminal Activity Report for the month of January showed 74 incidents in total. For calendar year, 2020 there were a little over 1,000 Criminal calls.

Incident Statistics Report for the month of January showed 1,473 cases.

The SRO Reports showed the Activities for SRO Duva, Bartosik and Federowicz for the month January.

The K-9 Monthly Activity Report for the month of January showed the training, meetings and cases.

For the month of January, there were four juvenile referrals.

The Arrest Summary Report for Adults showed there were 25 arrests for the month of January.

Traffic Division

The Traffic Report showed 22 cases for the month of January that Officer Siljamaki handled. Memo to Patrol Supervisors to read at Line-Up of Traffic Issues/Complaints

received and to have the Patrol Officers to conduct traffic enforcement in the areas listed.

There was no DUI Grant Activity for the month of January.

Detective Division Report

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Detective Division Monthly Activity report for the month of January. The division has 35 open cases, which include 13 new cases.

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Monthly Status Report for January. Chief Lombardo highlighted that there were twenty-two (22) motor vehicles reported to have been entered. Those vehicles were left unlocked. Three (3) vehicles were stolen and two (2) of the three (3) stolen vehicles were recovered.

Training

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Training Report for the month of January.

Cadet Report

The Cadet Activity Report showed planning meetings for the month of January. Lieutenant Weir and Officer Fedor met with some of the members of EMS to discuss some planning and coordinating other elements for Cadets to be involved in Emergency Services.

Sick/Injury Report

Chief Lombardo reviewed the sick/injury report for the department for January. Chief Lombardo indicated for the last three (3) months a big portion of the sick time totals were related to COVID. It was either positive tests or COVID required quarantine.

Budget

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Budget Report. He indicated the Overtime Account is good but the Salary line is higher. AC Byrnes would provide more details of why.

AC Byrnes indicated that the Salary line was discussed briefly at last month's meeting and the Department continues a trend that is not as favorable as the Department would like to see, without the Finance Department's contract adjustments and updating to the Salary accounts. The Department is paying current days salaries from rates that were effective more than two years ago. Therefore, they are drawing higher salary amounts than the Department would like to see. That is why it appears the account is a little overspent of where they would like to be. AC Byrnes anticipates being as close as the Department can to year-end figures and certainly without overspending.

Chairman Baldwin asked the Commissioners if there were any questions regarding the budget. There was none.

Chairman Baldwin complemented on a great job the Department is doing in managing the budget. It has been a difficult year and things have been handled very well. Chairman Baldwin thanked them.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Magliocco and seconded by Commissioner Trefz to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Vivian Munoz
Clerk of the Commission