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Trumbull Police Commission Meeting
February 10, 2026
MINUTES

The Trumbull Police Commission meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. with the recitation of the pledge and moment of silence for deceased police officers and emergency personnel.

Members present: Dawn Cantafio, Chairman
Andrea Fonseca, Vice Chairman
John Walkley, Secretary
James Zygmont, Commissioner

Also Present: Chief Michael Lombardo
Assistant Chief Glenn Byrnes
Captain Donald Allen
Thomas McCarthy, Director of Human Resources

Public Comment
No members of the public were present to speak.

New Business: elections of chairman, vice chairman, and secretary

Motion by Commissioner Walkley, seconded by Commissioner Fonseca to nominate Dawn Cantafio for chairman. There was no discussion, all voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Cantafio, seconded by Commissioner Walkley to nominate Andrea Fonseca for vice chairman. There was no discussion, all voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Cantafio, seconded by Commissioner Fonseca to nominate John Walkley for secretary. There was no discussion, all voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Approval of Minutes
Tabled

Correspondence
Before presenting correspondence items, Chief Lombardo took a moment to recognize and thank former Police Commissioners Baldwin, Magliocco, and Trefz for their dedicated service.

Chief Lombardo reviewed an email complimenting Officers McEnaney and DeLaRosa for assisting a motorist.

He went over a resignation letter from Detective Scott Murray, who will retire on March 2, 2026. Chief Lombardo said that Det. Murray is a fine, detail-oriented detective who has been a dedicated employee for thirty years. Chief Lombardo said he will be missed, and he wished him well.

Assistant Chief Byrnes also praised Det. Murray for his thirty years of dedicated service. He mentioned that Det. Murray spent several years working on the FBI's Safe Streets Task Force in Bridgeport, and he received awards from the U.S. Attorney's Office, the State's Attorney's Office, and the Bridgeport Police Department. A/C Byrnes thanked Det. Murray for his fine work, and he said everyone at the Trumbull Police Department will miss him.

Chief Lombardo then reviewed wellness awards given to several officers for using two or fewer sick days in 2025.

Chief's Monthly Report
Chief Lombardo reviewed the following reports for the month of January: calls for service, criminal incidents, motor vehicle enforcement, incident statistics, school resource officer, K-9, juvenile arrests, adult arrest summary, traffic division, detective division, training, cadet report, social worker, sick/injury, personnel count, and budget.

He noted that thefts of vehicles and thefts from vehicles have decreased sharply since the pandemic, and he attributed much of this reduction to the Operation Wingspan regional task force. He praised Detective Kyle Lavin for his work on the task force.

When reviewing the number of medical calls in December, Chief Lombardo noted that all officers are trained in the administration of Narcan and the use of Automated External Defibrillators.

In presenting the SRO reports, Chief Lombardo explained that students who commit minor, non-violent crimes are referred to a diversion program. Commissioner Walkley asked what happens if offenders do not follow the diversion guidelines, and Chief Lombardo replied that they are then charged through the court system.

Chief Lombardo advised that the department's new comfort dog and the dog's handler are currently being trained.

Chief Lombardo noted that the monthly adult arrest reports will no longer list the names of arrestees.

Chief Lombardo announced that one officer was restored to the Traffic Division on a full-time basis on February 1st, and he hopes to assign a second officer on April 1st. He then gave an overview of the duties of traffic officers.

In his review of the Detective Division report, Chief Lombardo noted that a thirteen-year-old was arrested for a recent firearm discharge at the Trumbull Mall. A search warrant was then executed at the suspect's home, and two guns were recovered.

In his review of the training report, Chief Lombardo mentioned that the department currently has twenty-six officers with less than four years of experience. He then listed various types of training that are currently underway. Commissioner Zygmont asked how officers are chosen for special training opportunities, and Chief Lombardo explained the posting and selection processes.

Chief Lombardo noted that the department now has 80 sworn officers, 8 of whom are still in training. Commissioner Fonseca asked how many unfilled vacancies the department currently has, and Chief Lombardo replied that there are two now, and one more vacancy will open when Det. Murray retires on March 2nd.

Chief Lombard said that the salary and overtime expenses are expected to run over-budget for fiscal year 2026. Assistant Chief Byrnes stated that an increase in the salary line is being requested with the 2027 budget proposal. This increase is needed to fully fund all vacancies.

A/C Byrnes also listed other proposed budget increases for vehicle maintenance, new vehicle purchases, and equipment such as body cameras, radios, and drones.

Chief Lombardo asked Human Resources Director Thomas McCarthy to give a presentation on hiring. Mr. McCarthy explained that the Police Commission is the hiring authority for police officers, and he noted that commissioners are agents of the Town of Trumbull, with all the legal obligations the position entails. He provided summaries of the hiring and interview processes, and he gave guidance on interview questions. Commissioner Fonseca noted that in their own professions, all four commissioners have experience interviewing job applicants.

Adjourn

Motion by Commissioner Walkley, seconded by Commissioner Cantafio to adjourn. There was no discussion, all voted in favor, and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen Oliver
Clerk of the Commission