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Trumbull Police Commission Meeting
March 10, 2026
MINUTES

The Trumbull Police Commission meeting was called to order at 5:30 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

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

Approval of Minutes
Motion by Commissioner Walkley, seconded by Commissioner Fonseca to approve the January 13, 2026 minutes. Commissioners Cantafio, Walkley, and Zygmont abstained. Commissioner Fonseca voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Walkley, seconded by Commissioner Fonseca to approve the February 10, 2026 minutes. There was no discussion, all voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Correspondence
Chief Lombardo reviewed an email complimenting Officer Noah Dzurenda for his assistance on a medical call for a mother in labor during the blizzard.

Chief Lombardo noted a certificate of appreciation from First Selectman Vicki Tesoro and Town Council Chairman Ashley Guadiano for achieving full accreditation status from the CT Police Officer Standards and Training Council. Chief Lombardo described the meticulous work involved in attaining this status, and he said that the CT Police Accountability Bill requires all police departments

in the state to reach this goal. Commissioner Cantafio congratulated the department on this accomplishment.

Chief's Monthly Report
Chief Lombardo reviewed the following reports for the month of February: 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.

The calls for service report showed an increased number of motor vehicle accidents in February, and Chief Lombardo attributed that to the snowstorms.

While going over the School Resource Officer report, Chief Lombardo mentioned that the SROs also serve private schools in Trumbull. With regard to students who commit certain violations at school, Chief Lombardo provided information on how the Youth Diversion Team (formerly called the Juvenile Review Board) is utilized as an alternative to referring youthful offenders to the court system.

Chief Lombardo noted that the Traffic Division is working to resolve a problem with Middlebrook School traffic at dismissal time. He also said that he plans to assign a second officer to the Traffic Division in April, and he mentioned that a member of the Trumbull Board of Finance recently complimented the department regarding an increase in traffic stops noticed.

Chief Lombardo described the hard work that goes into Detective Bureau investigations. Commissioner Walkley asked how many detectives are in the DB, and Chief Lombardo replied that there are five, two of whom are assigned to regional task forces. He noted that an arrest is expected in a recent attempt to steal an ATM machine. He also noted that the DB is working with other area police departments and the FBI regarding smash and grab robberies at the Trumbull Mall. Chief Lombardo advised that a promotional exam for the rank of detective will be given in May.

In his review of the Training Division report, Chief Lombardo explained the recertification process for police officers. He stated that all officers are required to be recertified every three years. He mentioned that the police social worker underwent de-escalation training. He also said that the wellness dog and his handler, Officer Bachiocchi, completed their training. Commissioner Zygmont asked where the dog is housed, and Chief Lombardo replied that the dog lives at Officer Bachiocchi's home with her and her family.

Chief Lombardo told the Commissioners that he recently attended a racial

profiling forum at the Trumbull Library presented by Ken Barone of the CT Racial Profiling Prohibition Project. He said it was a worthwhile experience, and Mr. Barone was complimentary in his remarks regarding the Trumbull Police Department. Commissioner Walkely praised Mr. Barone as a distinguished professional.

Chief Lombardo mentioned that Recruit Hasanovic will graduate from the police academy next week, and he noted that she is currently ranked 3rd in her class of 29 recruits. Chief Lombardo also said that Officers Elliott, Samonek, and Vitone completed their field training.

Chief Lombardo went over the personnel count report, and mentioned that he distributed it to members of the Board of Finance so they would have a better understanding of the department's budgetary needs.

Chief Lombardo said that for the first time in eleven years, the department will run over-budget. Assistant Chief Byrnes said that the salary line will be over-budget because it was not fully funded for the higher-than-expected number of new hires. He said that the overtime line will also end the year over-budget. He explained that the high number of newly hired officers resulted in an increase in training hours, as experienced officers undertook FTO training, along with other necessary training. When officers are in training, their patrol shifts have to be covered, so overtime spending increases.

Chief Lombardo said the department's 2026-2027 budget was presented to the Finance Board on March 10, 2026. A major concern is funding for new vehicles, and he explained the importance of maintaining the fleet, especially with regard to officer safety.

Chief Lombardo noted that Wellness Dog Jake is now on the job with Officer Bachiocchi. He mentioned that the department will continue to accept donations to help defray costs of caring for Jake.

Adjourn

Motion by Commissioner Fonseca, seconded by Commissioner Walkley to adjourn. There was no discussion, all voted in favor, and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen Oliver
Clerk of the Commission