Town of Trumbull

TRUMBULL POLICE COMMISSION
158 EDISON ROAD
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT 06611

P (203) 261-3665
F (203) 452-5162

POLICE COMMISSION

DAWN CANTAFIO, CHAIRMAN
ANDREA FONSECA, VICE CHAIRMAN
JOHN WALKLEY, SECRETARY
JAMES ZYGMONT, COMMISSIONER

Trumbull Police Commission Meeting
July 14, 2026
MINUTES

The Trumbull Police Commission meeting was called to order at 5:31 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, H.R. Director

Chief Lombardo asked everyone to keep Bridgeport Police Officer Cooper Whiteside in their thoughts and prayers. Officer Whiteside was killed in a motorcycle accident on July 13, 2026.

Public Comment
No members of the public were present to speak. Public comment closed at 5:32 p.m.

Approval of Minutes
Motion by Commissioner Walkley, seconded by Commissioner Zygmont to approve the May 14, 2026 minutes. There was no discussion, Commissioners Cantafio, Walkley, and Zygmont voted in favor, while Commissioner Fonseca abstained. The motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Walkley, seconded by Commissioner Fonseca to approve the June 9, 2026 minutes. There was no discussion, all voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Correspondence
Chief Lombardo presented a letter from American Legion Post 141 thanking Officers N. Dzurenda, Kingdon, and Tantimonico for their swift response to an incident at Stop and Shop. He then reviewed a letter from a resident thanking Officers Bachiocchi, Goldstein, Hasanovic, Kingdon, and Merlonghi for their competent assistance in an incident on Kingston Road. Chief Lombardo also noted a letter from School Days Preschool thanking Officer Bachiocchi and K-9 Jake for their recent visit.

Chief Lombardo reviewed a resignation letter from Lt. Douglas Smith who retired on July 10, 2026 after 25 years of dedicated service to the Department. He wished Lt. Smith many years of health and happiness in his retirement.

Chief Lombardo went over his annual performance evaluation of Assistant Chief Glenn Byrnes. He listed A/C Byrnes' many duties and praised him for his vast knowledge of the Department's operations, his competence, sound judgement, hard work, and unwavering dedication.

Chief Lombardo presented letters of commendation for Sergeants Federowicz and Harry, Detective Lavin, Officers Duva, Ehlers, Fortunato, Goldstein, Hasanovic, Kingdon, R. Lee, Llano, Merlonghi, Oko, Palange, and Tantimonico and Dispatcher Butz regarding a recent stolen car pursuit. Chief Lombardo mentioned that a drone from the Trumbull Fire Department was used, and Commissioner Cantafio asked about the status of the Police Department's drone purchase. Chief Lombardo advised that the drone has been ordered.

Commissioner Zygmont asked if there was a debriefing after the pursuit incident, and Chief Lombardo said that there was.

Chief Lombardo reviewed a commendation for Officer Vasquez regarding a traffic stop where the motorists sent a letter thanking Officer Vasquez for her kindness and guidance regarding their recent troubles, despite her having issued a misdemeanor summons for the incident. Chief Lombardo quipped that thank-you notes are not often received when summonses are issued, and he praised Officer Vasquez for her caring attitude towards members of the public.

Chief Lombardo presented a selections report from Lt. Coppola. He noted that Lt. Coppola praised Detectives Silva and Wheeler and Officers Carlson, Fortunato, Sota, and Yocher for their work in the Selections Unit.

Chief's Monthly Report
Chief Lombardo reviewed the following reports for the months of May and June: calls for service, criminal incidents, motor vehicle enforcement, incident statistics, school resource officer, K-9, emergency management (June), juvenile arrests, adult arrest summary, traffic, detectives, training, cadets, social worker, sick/injury, personnel count, and budget.

Commissioner Cantafio mentioned that Police Officers and Police Cadets did an excellent job covering Trumbull Day.

Chief Lombardo pointed out that the emergency management report is a new addition to his presentation, and he said that reports from the Drone Unit, Scuba Unit, Accident Investigation Unit and the Southwest Regional Emergency Response Team will be included in future agendas starting in August 2026.

There was a short discussion of three traffic items: a request for a crosswalk on Unity Road, a request for a temporary crosswalk on Trefoil Drive, and a request for traffic gates on Saxony Drive. Chief Lombardo mentioned that the Police Department will ask the Town's Engineering Department to advise on the feasibility of a crosswalk at Unity Road and Huntington Turnpike, as sidewalk work/installations would be required.

In his review of the Detective Division report, Chief Lombardo pointed out a recent fraud incident where a resident was scammed out of $900,000.00. He warned the public not to fall victim to scams.

Chief Lombardo advised that a third School Resource Officer (SRO) will be assigned for the coming school year. He also said that a new Police Officer position is being added to the Training Division in October. This will be a one-year assignment and the officer will be given training and community service duties.

Commissioner Walkley asked where the new SRO will be assigned. Chief Lombardo explained that the officer's primary school will be Hillcrest Middle School, but all three SROs serve all schools in Trumbull.

Chief Lombardo noted that the Police Cadets are in Massachusetts this week for training, and he will be visiting them there on July 16, 2026.

In his review of the budget report, Chief Lombardo advised that in August, the Police Department will ask the Board of Finance to approve a supplemental appropriation to cover the shortfall in the 2025/2026 budget. He noted that

this is the first time in 12 years that the Department has had to make such a request.

A/C Byrnes advised that the increase in the 2026/2027 budget is due to the higher number of employees. There was then a discussion of training costs at various police academies in Connecticut. It was noted that Trumbull officers often teach at training academies in the state, and that this is part of a long-standing mutual assistance arrangement among area towns.

Chief Lombardo mentioned that Sergeant and Lieutenant promotional exams are expected to take place in the near future.

Chief Lombardo reported that the police union's collective bargaining agreement with the Town was approved by the Town Council, and he thanked A/C Byrnes and Thomas McCarthy for their hard work on this.

Chief Lombardo advised that bicycle officers have been assigned to help address issues with e-bikes in town. He mentioned that the Police Department is working with the Town to find solutions. He noted that cooperation from parents will be useful.

New Business
Chief's Annual Self-Assessment/Salary and Contract Consideration
Motion by Commissioner Fonseca, seconded by Commissioner Walkley to enter executive session. There was no discussion, all voted in favor, and the four Commissioners and Thomas McCarthy entered executive session at 6:36 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Fonseca, seconded by Commissioner Walkley to come out of executive session There was no discussion, all voted in favor, and all came out of executive session at 7:45 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Fonseca, seconded by Commissioner Walkley to table agenda item VII. There was no discussion, all voted in favor, and the item was tabled.

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 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen Oliver
Clerk of the Commission