

Wilton Police Commission



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POLICE COMMISSION MEETING
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Chairman Chris Weldon called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. In attendance were Commissioner David Waters and Commissioner Matt Mason, Chief Michael Lombardo, and Claire Furano. Sarah Taffel joined the Executive Session.

MINUTES

Commissioner Matt Mason made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2011 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner David Waters. Motion carried 3-0.

DISCUSSION OF MONTHLY REPORTS

The Commission reviewed, discussed and accepted the monthly reports.

It was pointed out that the number of MVAs with injuries was at a high of 11 during the month of April. The Burglary category has been separated into two categories, adding "Burglary (MISC.)", which encompasses car break-ins and smaller break-ins not previously tracked. The question of how the FBI categorizes burglaries came up and will be confirmed for the purpose of how the Town Crime Rate is calculated.

The number of MV stops is down 7% from April 2010. The number of people on duty is relevant to the number of stops and the Department is just about back to its full force. There is one remaining officer out on extended leave and he will be returning to full duty on May 16th. In addition, there is a new recruit who just started in the Academy.

The DB Report was reviewed and discussed. Chief Lombardo will check with Lt. Wakeman about the ongoing cases to determine the length of time certain items remain on the report.

The MAC Report was reviewed and discussed. The traffic issues on Danbury Road (Rt.7) and Olmstead Hill Road are ongoing. Chief Lombardo mentioned that capital funds have been approved for another fixed speed solar panel sign. A number of locations to place the sign were discussed and Lt. Brennan will review the areas and make a recommendation.

REPORT OF CHIEF LOMBARDO

Chief Lombardo checked into the possibility of having the FD take over car seat installations in order to free up officers for patrol. He was told that no one at the FD is trained for this and there are no plans to do so.

Chief Lombardo pointed out that the overtime numbers this year are significantly lower than the same time period in 2010.

NexGen training is going on at the PD this week and next week. The start-up date for the program is May 23rd. Chief Lombardo commended Sgt. Bill Tanner for the fine job he did in scheduling officers for the training. He also admired and expressed his appreciation that the officers are adhering to the schedule which helps in minimizing OT. Commissioner Weldon suggested that a NexGen demonstration be placed on the agenda for the June meeting for the Commissioners to see how it is operated.

OLD BUSINESS

Catalpa Road

According to State DOT requirements, in order for a traffic signal to be placed at the intersection of Catalpa Road and Danbury Road (Rt. 7), a minimum of 53 vehicles per hour for a consecutive 24 hour period must exit from Catalpa onto Danbury Rd. The traffic at this intersection does not meet this minimum requirement. The cost for such a traffic signal would be \$175K and would have to be shared with the Town. Another traffic count will be done but it appears for now that no traffic light is warranted based on the DOT's requirements.

Olmstead Hill Road

State DOT has reviewed Olmstead Hill Road and due to the sight line issue the requirement for a right turn on red lane has not been met.

Westport Road

All three towns are in agreement that the speed limit should be a consistent 35 mph the length of Westport Road to Wilton Hunt. This will be placed on the State DOT Agenda to be addressed at their May meeting. Westport Road will continue to be monitored periodically.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

REPORTS OF THE COMMISSIONERS

There were no reports from the Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:30 p.m. the meeting went into Executive Session to discuss the pending claim or litigation-Lund arbitration.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:30 p.m., the Commission came out of Executive Session and at 8:31 p.m., a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Waters, seconded by Commissioner Mason and passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire Furano
Recording Secretary