POLICE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
12 NOVEMBER 2012

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Chairman Christopher Weldon called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. In attendance were Commissioners Donald Sauvigne and David Waters, Chief Lombardo, Deputy Chief Crosby, Officer Steven Rangel, Chris and Bill Bishop from Blue Buffalo, and several interested parties for the installation of Officer Canine Enzo.

Commissioner Weldon made a motion to scramble the agenda to move the introduction of the Department’s new canine, Officer Enzo, to the beginning of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Waters and was passed 3-0.

Commissioner Weldon called on Chief Lombardo to introduce Canine handler: Officer Rangel and Canine Officer Enzo. Officer Enzo has completed all training and has been certified in search and rescue, narcotics detection, and all canine general duties. Officer Enzo started his canine tour for the Wilton Police Department on this date. Officer Rangel with Enzo demonstrated Enzo’s training and command responsiveness. The Chief and the Commission again thanked the Bishop family and Blue Buffalo for their generous support that allowed the Department to add Enzo to the staff. The actual meeting was brought back inside at 7:20 pm and the Commission continued to work on the agenda.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Waters to approve the October 9, 2012 and seconded by Commissioner Sauvigne. The motion carried 3-0.

DISCUSSION OF MONTHLY REPORTS

Before the Commission reviewed the actual Monthly Reports, the Commission and Chief Lombardo had a discussion of the impact of Hurricane Sandy and the effectiveness of the Police department and all Town departments, especially those involved in the multi-day operations of the EOC. Chief Lombardo is preparing information for First Selectman Bill Brennan for a press release to local media. Additionally the Commission asked the Chief to consider another press release regarding Enzo and the K9 program, highlighting donations that have been made by local citizens to support this program.

All monthly reports were reviewed and then discussed. MV stops increased dramatically from the previous month approaching an average for the prior two years. The staff is encouraged to maintain this vigilance as a best means to provide safe driving conditions in the town. It was noted that larceny cases
were up in both September and October. The Chief advised that this was due in large part to the theft of campaign signs. Additionally, the Chief expects that drug interdiction via MV stops will show an increase due to the availability of Officer Canine Enzo. A discussion was held regarding additional opportunities to employ Enzo in many community activities to enhance the effectiveness of the canine program. The Chief reported that due to the hurricane MV stops will probably show a drop off in the Monthly Reports for November. The Chief also advised that the FBI recent statistics show a crime rate reduction of 7% in Wilton.

The MAC report was reviewed and discussed. Due to limited manpower, with 2 officers remaining on full time medical leave, MAC activity has been significantly limited. The Chief will provide the Commission with the policy for the installation of speed humps. It was also noted the very good job that Officer Ross is doing as SRO. Commissioner David Waters left the meeting at 7:40 for other business.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF

Letters of thanks and jobs well done were reviewed:

- Email from Chief Lombardo to all the officers who responded to the motor vehicle accident resulting in a car fire with trapped driver. (Sgt. Tunney, Officers Cipolla, Tornello, Lichtenberger, Capt. Lynch and Lt. Bartek)
- Letter from Chief Lombardo to Jack Majesky for CERT’s response and assistance to a motor vehicle accident.
- Letter to appreciation to Weston Police Chief Troxell from Chief Lombardo for the assistance at the scene of accident.
- Thank you letter from Chief Lombardo to Wave Hill Breads for bread and coupons brought to the department.
- Letter of appreciation from Chief Lombardo to Florence Romanov for cider and donuts.
- Email from Vivian Lee-Shiue thanking Officer Shawn Frendt for participating in the Helping Hands event.
- Email from John Reznikoff thanking Officer Baker for his assistance.
- Letter from Chief Lombardo thanking Barbara Martin for her donation to the K-9 Program.
- Letter from Chief Lombardo to Peg Koellmer for meals sent to the department during Hurricane Sandy.
- Letter to Anya Henry (Coffee Barn) from Chief Lombardo thanking her for breakfast foods given to the department during Hurricane Sandy.

Chief Lombardo mentioned that a $100.00 donation was made to the K-9 Program by Barbara Martin, Wilton, CT

NEW BUSINESS

The Chief and the Commission discussed the potential location of a crosswalk in Cannondale Village and focused on a location of a crosswalk connecting the Grange parking lot with the Cannondale Village. The Chief will have his Officers confirm the appropriateness of the location and will have the Officers ensure all owners of the involved properties are in agreement. The Chief and Commissioner Sauvigne will personally review the area under consideration.

Commissioner Sauvigne reported he observed three damaged or missing road signs following Super Storm Sandy requiring attention on Center Street, Kent Hills Road, and Drum Hill Road and Belden Hill Road. Additionally, a request was made to have the State DOT look into removing large tree limbs, trunks and other debris from Route 33/Ridgefield Road in two location north of Hillside Cemetery that are presenting some safety concerns. The Chief will take action and follow report these issues to the State DOT for their action.

The Department’s facility walk through for the Commission has been scheduled for December 15, 2012 at 10:00 AM. The Chief will supply additional reports to the Commission regarding building requirements and have a meeting posted for the date chosen.
Commissioner Weldon made a motion to accept the proposed 2013 Commission meeting schedule and it was seconded by Commissioner Sauvigne. The motion passed 2-0.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS

There were no reports others than that reported above.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:05 PM, the meeting adjourned into Executive Session. At 8:20 p.m., the Commission came out of Executive Session without any action having been taken by the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:21 PM, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Weldon and seconded by Commissioner Sauvigne. The motion passed 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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Vice Chairman Donald H. Sauvigne
November 13, 2012