POLICE COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
14 OCTOBER 2014

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Chairman Chris Weldon called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m. In attendance were Commissioner David Waters, Commissioner Don Sauvigne, Chief Michael Lombardo, Deputy Chief Robert Crosby and Captain John Lynch, and a reporter from the Redding Pilot.

MINUTES

Commissioner Waters made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2014 regular meeting and the September 22, 2014 special meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sauvigne. Motion carried 3-0.

DISCUSSION OF MONTHLY REPORTS

Monthly reports were reviewed and discussed. The Commissioners noted that the number of MV Stops was consistent with those of the prior month. Commissioner Weldon requested that in the future the report include figures for the prior four years rather than for just the prior two years so that the Commission could get a better assessment as to historic activity. Chief Lombardo stated that the number of officers available for patrol functions would be about five less than the full complement in the short term as a result of new officers still in training and the unavailability of some officers for other reasons. He noted that a decrease in the number of crime cases does not necessarily equate to more availability for patrol functions, since some crime cases involve significantly more investigation time, particularly those with respect to larceny and fraud. Also, the twelve weeks that Field Training Officers are working with new officers takes away from their patrol hours.

The Activity Report for September was reviewed. There were no reporting concerns.

The MAC Report for September was reviewed. Chief Lombardo reported Officer Cocco is performing this function now that Officer MacLean has been reassigned to her new
position as SRO. Commissioner Weldon noted that he has observed several defaced signs in town, and Chief Lombardo agreed that these would be addressed. Chief Lombardo informed the Commission that the amount of down time of the radar trailer is a concern, and the Department is seeking a credit for trade in for a new trailer. Commissioner Sauvigne asked that enforcement of the prohibition on cell phone use while driving be made a priority.

The SRO Report for September was reviewed. The two SROs have been very busy during this reporting period. Officer MacLean has been predominantly at Middlebrook and has been doing well there. A juvenile was arrested and referred to Juvenile Court as a result of a swastika at the high school, and a second incident involving a swastika is under investigation. Officer Ross has been working with the school administration with respect to domestic violence issues. Chief Lombardo reported that the school administration has not expressed any concerns with the assignments between the two SROs and the time spent by each officer on SRO functions. He noted that the schools understand that a majority, but not all, of the officers’ time will be spent on SRO functions, and this includes activities at daycares. “Officer Friendly” in parochial schools for students prior to entering the public school system, etc. The Commission expressed satisfaction with the report.

REPORT OF CHIEF LOMBARDO

Letters of thanks and jobs well done and other miscellaneous matters were reviewed.

Letters:
- Notes of apology from Oliver and Carla Samardzija for a call to 911.
- Email to Chief Lombardo conveying that a resident complemented Officer Elise Smith for her personable and professional manner.
- Letter of appreciation to Kelly and Commissioner Chris Weldon for their donation to the Police Department Gift Fund.
- Email to Deputy Chief Crosby praising Officer Shawn Frendt for the professional and comforting manner in which he handled a situation.
- Letter to Mark Tobin (Administrator at Wilton Meadows) for thoughtful gesture on September 11th.
- Email from Elizabeth Doty (Senior Activities Coordinator, Social Services) to Chief Lombardo praising the manner in which Office Elise Smith handled the processing of a motor vehicle accident.
- Letter from Chief Lombardo to The Canine Companies, Inc. expressing thanks for their donation to the Canine Fund.

Donations to the Wilton Police Fund:
- $500 from Kelly and Chris Weldon
Donations (Other):

- $5,000 to the K-9 Fund from The Canine Companies, Inc.

Miscellaneous: None

OLD BUSINESS

The Commission did not discuss any old business.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration and Acceptance of Sergeant William Tanner’s Resignation from the Wilton Police Department

Chief Lombardo informed the Commission that he had received written notice dated October 7, 2014 that Sergeant Tanner was resigning from the Department effective November 2, 2014, and noted that Sergeant Tanner had been a member of the Department for 26 years. Commissioner Waters made a motion to accept Sergeant Tanner’s resignation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sauvigne. Motion carried 3-0.

B. Approval of 2015 Police Commission Meeting Calendar

Commissioner Waters made a motion to approve the 2015 Police Commission meeting schedule. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sauvigne. Motion carried 3-0.

REPORTS OF THE COMMISSIONERS

There were no reports of the Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:09 p.m., the meeting went into Executive Session for discussion and consideration of promotion of an officer to sergeant. At 8:37 p.m., the Commission came out of Executive Session. No action was taken in the Executive Session.

NEW BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

C. Consideration of Promotion of a Police Officer to Sergeant by the Department

Commissioner Waters made a motion to accept Chief Lombardo’s recommendation to promote Officer David Hartman to Sergeant, conditioned upon the retirement of Sergeant Tanner. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sauvigne. Motion carried 3-0.
ADJOURNMENT

At 8:39 p.m., a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Waters seconded by Commissioner Sauvigne and passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

David F. Waters, Acting Recording Secretary