POLICE COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
20 JULY 2015

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Chairman Chris Weldon called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. In attendance were Commissioner David Waters, Commissioner Donald Sauvigne, Interim Chief Robert Crosby and Captain John Lynch.

MINUTES

Commissioner Sauvigne made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2015 special meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Waters. Motion carried 3-0.

DISCUSSION OF MONTHLY REPORTS

Monthly reports were reviewed and discussed. The Commissioners noted that the number of MV Stops in June remained high and expressed satisfaction with the level of activity. Interim Chief Crosby noted that typically at this time of year the number of stops goes down slightly due to vacations and other scheduling issues.

Interim Chief Crosby reported that there were 55 more hours of overtime in FY2014-2015 than there had been in the prior year, but that the Department had closed out the year at approximately 98% of budget. Commissioner Weldon requested that the Commission be provided with a variance report at the August meeting with any line item that had greater than a 20% variance, and that the Commission be furnished with a monthly report as to the status of overtime on an ongoing basis.

The Activity Report for June was reviewed. The Commission noted that the number of reported larcenies has increased significantly – this is attributed predominantly to internet scams. Interim Chief Crosby reported that a Field Training Officer business contact form has been developed to assist in community policing, and that FTOs and trainees will be reaching out to businesses in town and will report back on the contact that they make.
The Department is considering the creation of a Facebook page, and if that occurs there will be a need for monitoring.

The MAC Report for June was reviewed. There were no reporting concerns. The DUI enforcement on the July 4th weekend resulted in a few DUI arrests. The current distracted driving campaign has resulted in many motor vehicle stops.

The SRO Report for June was reviewed. The Commission expressed satisfaction with the report.

The Accreditation Report for June was reviewed. The Department hopes to complete the Tier I accreditation in October, but new proofs are now required and that may set back the timetable somewhat.

**REPORT OF INTERIM CHIEF CROSBY**

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

Letters:

- Email to Interim Chief Crosby from Jeffrey Doyle, praising Officers Shawn Frendt, Joseph Colarossi and Sgt. Gregg Phillipson for the comforting manner in handling an accident scene
- Letter from Peg Koellner (Chairperson, Contributions Committee) Wilton Kiwanis Club, to Chief Crosby for act of kindness from Wilton PD officers
- Memos from Chief Crosby to department personnel expressing appreciation for their roles during the Fourth of July festivities and the Special Olympics Torch Run

**Donations to the Wilton Police Fund:**

- None

**Donations (Other):**

- None

**Miscellaneous:**

- Final grades from POST for Officer Mark Canepari
- First marking period grades from POST for Officers Brandon Harris and Steven Zawacki

**OLD BUSINESS**

A. Discussion on Intersection at School Road and Danbury Road
Interim Chief Crosby informed the Commission that ConnDOT had realigned the striping at the School Road/Route 7 intersection following the recent accident there, but he and First Selectman Brennan wanted to see if something more could be done to the traffic lanes. The First Selectman is reaching out to his contact at ConnDOT.

B. Discussion on No Parking Sign Request on Deerfield Road

Commissioner Weldon moved to accept the recommendation of the Chief to install "no parking" signs on the southerly side of Deerfield Road. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sauvigne. Motion carried 2-0 (Commissioner Waters abstained).

C. Discussion on Intersection at Grumman Hill Road and Route 7

Commissioner Waters moved to authorize Interim Chief Cosby to send a letter to ConnDOT requesting that they modify the existing light to provide for a turning arrow for southbound vehicles turning onto Grumman Hill Road, and to install a lead/lag sign to notify motorists that the lights do not change at the same time. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Weldon. Motion carried 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion on Sharp Hill Crosswalk Beacons

Interim Chief Crosby informed the Commission that he had spoken with First Selectman Brennan about the installation of crosswalk warning flashers at the Norwalk River Valley Trail crossing on Sharp Hill Road. The First Selectman felt that adjacent homeowners should be notified of this proposal. The Department will reach out to the nearby homeowners, and action on this matter was tabled pending that information.

B. Discussion on Detective Peter Trahan’s Potential Involvement in the DEA Program

Action on this matter was tabled to the next meeting for further information as to what reimbursement might be available to the Department if Detective Trahan’s time is devoted to the DEA program, and whether his participation may be less than full time.

C. Consideration and Acceptance of Recommendation to Remove Sergeant David Hartman from Probationary Status

Interim Chief Crosby informed the Commission that Sergeant David Hartman has completed the minimum probationary period as a new sergeant of the Department, and recommended that the Commission remove him from probationary status. Commissioner Waters made a motion to remove Sergeant Hartman from probationary status effective immediately. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Weldon. Motion carried 3-0.
REPORTS OF THE COMMISSIONERS

There were no reports of the Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:32 p.m., the meeting went into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. At 8:58 p.m., the Commission came out of Executive Session. No action was taken in the Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:59 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