POLICE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
11 APRIL 2016

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Chairman Don Sauvigne called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. In attendance were Commissioner David Waters, Commissioner Matt Mason, Chief Robert Crosby, Captain John Lynch, Captain Thomas Conlan and First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice (ex officio).

MINUTES

Commissioner Mason made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2016 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Waters. Motion carried 3-0.

DISCUSSION OF MONTHLY REPORTS

Monthly reports were reviewed and discussed. The Commissioners were pleased with the number of MV Stops in the prior month, which reflected consistent high exposure and monitoring on the roadways.

The Activity Report for March was reviewed. The Commission noted a continued higher level of reported domestic matters. Chief Crosby informed the Commission that approximately 50-60% of domestic matters are between parents and children. The Commission also noted the high number of pistol permits being processed, which is the result of concerns that gun rights may be limited in the future.

The MAC Report for March was reviewed. The Commission noted the incidences of speeding reflected in the selective enforcement near Miller-Driscoll School, which is largely vehicles traveling eastbound (downhill). Chief Crosby informed the Commission of the commencement of “Coffee with a Cop” which will begin June 3, 2016 at Dunkin’ Donuts and will give the public a chance to meet with the rank and file officers. The frequency and location of future events will be determined once the program is started. Chief Crosby also singled out the actions of Officer Frendt in visiting the Syrian refugee family in Wilton to assist in their assimilation to the United States.
The SRO Report for March was reviewed. The Commission expressed satisfaction with the report.

The Overtime Report for March was reviewed. The Commission expressed continuing concern over the total overtime hours, but noted that sixty hours are reimbursable. The hiring of a new evening dispatcher should help to reduce the need for future overtime. Chief Crosby noted that the overtime associated with training is necessary, and that until the Department was close to full manpower it was difficult to accomplish.

The Accreditation Report for March was reviewed. The Commission expressed satisfaction with the progress being made and the reporting.

The K9 Report for March was reviewed. The Commission expressed satisfaction with the amount of community policing activity. Chief Crosby informed the Commission that the transition of K9 Enzo to a new K9 officer would occur in June or July, and there would be a period of time when Enzo would not be active while that transition and further training occurred.

**REPORT OF CHIEF CROSBY**

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

**Letters:**

- Letter from Mr. and Mrs. Kazi to Chief Crosby praising and thanking Officer Elise Smith, Sgt. Sisenstein and Animal Control Officer Robert Napoleon for their assistance
- Email to Chief Crosby from former First Selectman William Brennan praising Officer Elise Smith for her supportive assistance

**Donations to the Wilton Police Fund:**

- None

**Donations (Other):**

- None

**Miscellaneous:**

- Recruit Malcolm Hayes’ grades from P.O.S.T.
- “Good Morning Wilton” article on Miller-Driscoll Read Aloud Day and officer participation
OLD BUSINESS

A. Update on K-9

Chief Crosby reported that he has reassigned K-9 Enzo to a new patrol officer. The reassignment will occur over the summer, and it will be necessary to isolate Enzo for a period of time so that he will be receptive to a new handler, and then both Enzo and the handler will undergo training.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and/or Action on New Protocols for Hiring Certified Police Officers

The Commission discussed a newly enacted state statute that will require municipalities who hire certified police officers to reimburse the original hiring municipality if the police officer has been on the original force for a limited time period. The Commission agreed that the Department’s experience with hiring certified police officers has thus far been good, and that it may make sense to consider hiring certified police officers as and when future vacancies in the Department occur but that the cost of reimbursement would need to be factored into the decision at that time.

REPORTS OF THE COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Sauvigne reported that he had met with First Selectman Vanderslice and Chairman Casey Healey of the Wilton Fire Commission to discuss the respective roles of the Commissions and the role of Dispatch.

Commissioner Waters reported that in his role as a member of the Fire Station 2 Building Committee he was asked whether the Department had any specific needs at that location if the facility is upgraded. The Commission concurred with the Chief that no specific needs exist for a presence of the Department at Fire Station 2.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:21 p.m., a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Waters seconded by Commissioner Mason and passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

David F. Waters, Acting Recording Secretary