POLICE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
12 DECEMBER 2016

NOTE: THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND APPROVAL AT A FUTURE MEETING OF THE POLICE COMMISSION

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Chairman Don Sauvigne called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. In attendance were Commissioner David Waters, Commissioner Matt Mason, Chief Robert Crosby and Captain Thomas Conlan.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public present at the meeting and no public comment was received.

MINUTES

Commissioner Waters made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2016 special meeting, as amended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mason. Motion carried 3-0.

DISCUSSION OF MONTHLY REPORTS

Monthly reports were reviewed and discussed. The Commission noted with satisfaction the increase in the number of MV Stops in November, which was partially attributed to activities funded by SEU grants, and acknowledged that it was not a sustainable level on a consistent basis.

The Activity Report for November was reviewed. The Commission noted that domestic complaints were down but that narcotic investigations are notably higher. The great majority of narcotics investigations are directly related to motor vehicle stops.
The MAC Report for November was reviewed. A significant portion of the MAC officer’s time is devoted to traffic enforcement, and the Department has seen an increase in the number of residents complaining about speeding on local roads. Selective Enforcement from the Comprehensive DUI Enforcement Grant resulted in 127 vehicle stops for a variety of matters. The Commission noted that in the majority of SEU stops a warning is issued rather than a ticket and expressed satisfaction with the balance between the two.

The SRO Report for November was reviewed. The Commission expressed satisfaction with the reported activity.

The Overtime Report for November was reviewed. The Commission commended the Department on the significantly reduced overtime hours reported in November, with 176 hours of the overtime cost reimbursed by SEU grants.

The Accreditation Report for November was reviewed. Chief Crosby informed the Commission that certain SOPs may only be modified with the approval of the Commission and asked that the Commissioners promptly review those SOPs and indicate whether they consent to the proposed changes. The Commissioners agreed to individually review the requested changes and report back to the Chief within the next couple of weeks.

The K9 Report for November was reviewed. The Commission noted with satisfaction that K9 Baso has been very active and highly visible.

REPORT OF CHIEF CROSBY

Chief Crosby expressed gratitude for the large number of letters of thanks and food donations that the Department has received, which the Commission reviewed. The Commission commended the Department on the numerous community policing outreach activities that are being undertaken.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Officer Mason Release from New Hire Probation Status Effective 12/22/16

Chief Crosby informed the Commission that Officer Melissa Mason will complete the minimum probationary period as a new officer of the Department on December 22, 2016, and recommended that the Commission remove her from new-hire probationary status as of that date. Commissioner Waters made a motion to remove Officer Mason from new-hire probationary status effective December 22, 2016 provided no intervening negative issues arise. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sauvigne. Motion carried 3-0.
B. Officer Parsons Release from New Hire Probation Status Effective 12/22/16

Chief Crosby informed the Commission that Officer Douglas Parsons will complete the minimum probationary period as a new officer of the Department on December 22, 2016, and recommended that the Commission remove him from new-hire probationary status as of that date. Commissioner Waters made a motion to remove Officer Parsons from new-hire probationary status effective December 22, 2016 provided no intervening negative issues arise. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sauvigne. Motion carried 3-0.

C. Officer Ejupi Release from New Hire Probation Status Effective 12/29/16

Chief Crosby informed the Commission that Officer Joton Ejupi will complete the minimum probationary period as a new officer of the Department on December 29, 2016, and recommended that the Commission remove him from new-hire probationary status as of that date. Commissioner Waters made a motion to remove Officer Ejupi from new-hire probationary status effective December 29, 2016 provided no intervening negative issues arise. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sauvigne. Motion carried 3-0.

D. Traffic Survey Discussion – Deforest Road

The Commission reviewed the analysis prepared by Lieutenant Cipolla. The Commission noted that there does not appear to be a reasonable alternate route for truck traffic that would not shift this traffic to another residential street, and that virtually all of the truck traffic would either be leaving from or arriving at an address in Wilton and therefore would not be subject to a no through truck prohibition if one was instituted. Commissioner Waters made a motion to support the recommendation of the Department not to install no through truck signage in this location. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mason and carried 3-0. The Commission further noted that Deforest Road will continue to be an SEU target area, and that the Department will work with Wilton DPW to improve the sight lines at the Deforest Road and Ground Pine Road intersection since several trees within the Town right-of-way obstruct the view.

REPORTS OF THE COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Mason asked about the status of contemplated improvements by ConnDOT to the Route 7/Grumman Hill Road intersection. These improvements are still in the design phase and will probably not be completed for the foreseeable future. The Commissioners discussed an appropriate recognition of the contributions of Blue Buffalo, the Bishop family and others that have contributed to the K9 Fund, and Chief Crosby will arrange for this at a date and time that people are available.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public present at the meeting and no public comment was received.
ADJOURNMENT

At 7:57 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