POLICE COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
12 JUNE 2014

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Commissioner Don Sauvigne called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the absence of Chairman Chris Weldon. In attendance were Commissioner David Waters, Commissioner Weldon (7:13), Chief Michael Lombardo, Deputy Chief Robert Crosby, Captain John Lynch, State Senator Toni Boucher, State Representative Gail Lavielle and numerous members of the public.

MINUTES

Commissioner Waters made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2014 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sauvigne. Motion carried 2-0.

DISCUSSION OF MONTHLY REPORTS

Monthly reports were reviewed and discussed. The Commissioners noted that the number of MV Stops has increased and is at almost the exact level of stops in the same month last year, with which Chief Lombardo expressed satisfaction. The number of pistol permits continues to be high; there were 87 such permits in 2013 as compared with 45 permits in 2012.

The Activity Report was reviewed. All categories were consistent with the prior year, year to date. There were no reporting concerns.

The MAC Report was reviewed. Chief Lombardo reported that because of the significant number of vacant positions Officer MacLean has spent much of her time in patrol. Chief Lombardo noted that Officer MacLean is currently in New Jersey as the Connecticut police representative for the national Special Olympics Torch Run, and that she and Sergeant Kluk deserve much credit and recognition for their significant efforts on behalf of Special Olympics.
The SRO Report was reviewed. The school year is winding down. The Explorers should be in satisfactory financial shape for this year’s trip. 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:**
- Letter of apology to the Wilton Police Officers.
- Letter from First Selectman Brennan congratulating Sgt. Thomas Tunney for being the recipient of the American Red Cross Community Heroes Award.
- Email to the department from Chief Lombardo congratulating Officers Zimnoch and Broszinski for the assistance they gave to the Stratford Detectives.
- Letter of thanks from Chief Lombardo to Doctor Michael Lewin for creating and donating posters to raise awareness for the Special Olympics.
- Letter from Ridgefield Police Chief Roche thanking Chief Lombardo for Detective Scott Sear’s presentation on internet safety.
- Letter to owners of Cactus Rose for sponsoring Tip-A-Cop fund raiser at their restaurant.
- Memo from Chief Lombardo thanking Deputy Chief Crosby, Sergeant Kluk along with Officers Diane MacLean and Elise Holland for participating in the Tip-A-Cop fund raiser.
- Memo from Chief Lombardo announcing and congratulating Sgt. Gregg Phillipson for being selected the Assistant Team Commander of the Southwest Regional Emergency Response Team

**Donations to the Wilton Police Fund:** n/a

**Donations (Other):** n/a

**Miscellaneous:** n/a

Chief Lombardo further noted that the Tip-A-Cop fund raiser had raised approximately $2,200 for Special Olympics and that the Department personnel who participated were to be congratulated for this effort. The Commissioners also commended Officers Zimnoch and Brodzinski for their efforts in assisting the Stratford Police Department, specifically for their ability to assist a crime victim who spoke Polish leading to the apprehension of a suspect.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business to discuss.

**NEW BUSINESS**
A. Present Citizen Award to Robert Bass and Nicholas DiPisa for Assistance in Life Saving Event at Town Landfill

On October 11, 2013, an elderly resident was at the landfill on Mather Street when a car driven by another resident struck him, pinning him against his truck. The vehicle continued to accelerate knocking the victim to the ground and then dragging him. When he came free from the car he had suffered serious injuries to his legs. DPW employee Nicholas DiPisa and a resident Robert Bass quickly aided the victim with a towel trying to control the bleeding. They eventually applied a tourniquet to his leg so that the bleeding would stop, saving his life. The Commissioners were pleased to recognize the extraordinary efforts performed by these individuals for a fellow Town resident. State Senator Boucher and State Representative Lavielle presented both men with a citation from the General Assembly recognizing their efforts. The Commission noted that Tom Thurkettle, head of Wilton DPW, was in attendance for this recognition.

B. Present Citizen Award to Middlebrook School Teacher Darren Gunn for Life Saving Action When Student was Choking.

In February, 2014, Darren Gunn, a Middlebrook school teacher noticed one of his students was choking during class. He performed the Heimlich maneuver on the student dislodging the object and allowing the student to breathe normally. The Commissioners were pleased to recognize the lifesaving act of Mr. Gunn, and Chief Lombardo noted that Mr. Gunn’s actions had taught his students something valuable that day. State Senator Boucher and State Representative Lavielle presented Mr. Gunn with a citation from the General Assembly recognizing his efforts, and they noted that it is challenging to teach, but heroic to save a student. Jory Higgins, Dean of Students at Middlebrook, extended the school’s thanks and congratulations.

REPORTS OF THE COMMISSIONERS

There were no reports of the Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:31 p.m., the meeting went into Executive Session for a discussion of personnel issues and for prospective police officer candidate interviews. At 9:49 p.m., the Commission came out of Executive Session. No action was taken in the Executive Session.

NEW BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

A. Consideration of Hiring of New Police Officer Recruit by the Department

Commissioner Waters made a motion to offer Stacy Welch an offer of employment as a police officer of the Department, subject to the usual conditions, with a commencement date of employment determined at the discretion of the Chief upon the satisfactory
completion of such conditions and the earliest available time. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sauvigne. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Waters made a motion to offer Eric Patenaude an offer of employment as a police officer of the Department, subject to the usual conditions, with a commencement date of employment determined at the discretion of the Chief upon the satisfactory completion of such conditions and the earliest available time. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sauvigne. Motion carried 3-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:00 p.m., a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Sauvigne seconded by Commissioner Waters and passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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David F. Waters, Acting Recording Secretary