

POLICE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

5 MAY 2016

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Chairman Don Sauvigne called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. In attendance were Commissioners Sauvigne, Waters, and Mason, Chief Crosby, and Captains Lynch and Conlan.

MINUTES

Commissioner Mason's motion to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2016 meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Sauvigne, approved 3-0.

DISCUSSION OF MONTHLY REPORTS

Monthly reports were reviewed and considered.

The Commission observed that the number of motor vehicle stops continues to be strong and is the result of a number of factors, including the Department being at near full strength. The Commission and the Department's administration believes that a high number of MV stops makes the town safer and also acts a deterrent to crime.

Domestics were significantly down from prior months.

The MAC report indicated that April was a relatively quiet month. Selective traffic enforcement was assigned to 5 selected locations identified as potential problem locations and/or based on resident complaints. The locations were 169 Belden Hill Road, 49 Scarlet Oak Drive, Wolfpit/Miller Driscoll, Belden Hill/Seir Hill, and Westport Road/Old Westport Road. These enforcement efforts resulted in 17 warnings and no infractions.

Using a Distracted Driving High Visibility Enforcement (DDHVE) grant, during the month of April the department made a total of 190 MV stops for distracted driving related offenses and issued 116 distracted driving infractions. These included 56 for talking on cell phone, 41 for texting, 3 other distracted driving behavior, and 7 other MV violations. The Commission and Department Administration considered the program a success and is important in heightening awareness of the dangers of distracted driving. The grant that authorizes up to \$20,000 for hiring of officers specifically for distracted driving enforcement between April – August 2016. The Federal grant reimburses the Town for 75% of the officer's salaries who work the assignments. In addition, 25% of the citation fees will be returned to the Town as per Connecticut General Statutes to help offset the costs to the Town.

The Department also has various community policing initiatives scheduled for June, including *Coffee with a Cop* at Dunkin Donuts and the *Special Olympics Torch Run*.

The School Resource Officer Report was reviewed and discussed.

Overtime continues to be carefully monitored. Mandatory training and shift coverage are the main drivers.

Progress continues to be made on Accreditation under Lt. Brennan's oversight.

REPORT OF CHIEF

Chief Crosby provided his report, including letters from community members of support and/or thanks to the PD; a \$366 donation from Louis Dreyfus Co.; and Recruit Malcom Hayes' 2nd Quarter grades from P.O.S.T, which continue to be strong.

OLD BUSINESS

The Commission reviewed the status of the K-9 until, Enzo's health and potential timing and funding for a new dog.

NEW BUSINESS

The Commission reviewed the State of Connecticut's traffic stop data for 2014-2015 which was compiled to assess potential racial profiling issues. The results strongly support the conclusion that the Wilton PD is not engaged in racial profiling, particularly since the study does not account for the significant traffic along the Rt. 7 corridor that involves non-residents.

REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Sauvigne reported on dispatch and discussions with First Selectman Vanderslice and the Wilton FD aimed at continuing to improve communication and prompt resolution of any complaints or issues.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Waters' motion to adjourn, made at 8:42 pm, which was seconded by Commissioner Sauvigne, passed 3-0.



Respectfully submitted,
Matthew C. Mason, Acting Secretary