Wilton Police Commission



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POLICE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING 9 FEBRUARY 2015

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Chairman Chris Weldon called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. In attendance were Commissioner David Waters, Commissioner Donald Sauvigne, Interim Chief Robert Crosby, Captain John Lynch, Acting Captain Donald Wakeman, Sergeant Robert Kluk, Officer Timothy Fridinger and Officer Paul Lichtenberger.

Commissioner Waters made a motion to scramble the agenda to hear the Step II grievance filed by the Union. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sauvigne. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Weldon asked the Union President, Rob Kluk, how they wanted to proceed in Regular Session or in Executive Session as they had the choice -. The Union requested that the matter be heard in Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:06 p.m., the meeting went into Executive Session for discussion of personnel issues as reflected in the Step II grievance filed by the Union. At 7:34 p.m., the Commission came out of Executive Session. No action was taken in the Executive Session.

MINUTES

Commissioner Waters made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2015 special meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sauvigne. Motion carried 3-0.

DISCUSSION OF MONTHLY REPORTS

Monthly reports were reviewed and discussed. The Commissioners noted that the number of MV Stops in January was greater than that of the prior January and expressed

satisfaction with the level of activity. However, it is anticipated that the MV activity for February will be lower due to the number of snowstorms.

The Activity Report for January was reviewed. There were no reporting concerns. The Commissioners noted that there was an increase in EMS calls, but there is no particular reason for this.

The MAC Report for January was reviewed. There were no reporting concerns.

The SRO Report for January was reviewed. The Commission expressed satisfaction with the report. Commissioner Waters noted that the two SROs have provided a good presence at all of the schools. Interim Chief Crosby reported that he had met with Superintendent Smith, and that the Superintendent is very pleased with the SRO activity.

REPORT OF INTERIM CHIEF CROSBY

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

Letters:

- Letter to the Department from Julie Cromwell praising Officer Brodzinski for his assistance.
- Letter from Interim Chief Crosby thanking Peg Koellmer for sandwiches during the storm.
- Note of thanks to Officer Rangel from Isabel diNanno for assisting in finding her iPod.
- Belated holiday greetings from the Kazi family and John Hernandex, along with exchange students.
- Letter to Interim Chief Crosby from Danbury Chief Alan Baker expressing his appreciation for Lt. Steve Brennan's assistance on oral examination panel for sergeant promotions.
- Letter to Interim Chief Crosby from Ridgefield Chief John Roche thanking Detective Scott Sear for presenting an internet safety class.
- Email to Interim Chief Crosby conveying complimentary message about Officer Joseph Calorossi and Officer Eric Patenaude.

Donations to the Wilton Police Fund: n/a

Donations (Other):

• Gift Fund - \$5,000 from Realty Seven Charitable Gift Fund (Peg Koellmer) for body worn cameras for the Department

Miscellaneous:

Grades from POST for Officer Jonathan Patry.

At the Commission's request, Interim Chief Crosby will speak with Sarah Taffel to address any liability concerns about the body worn cameras. In addition, Interim Chief Crosby will review SOPs of other departments who have similar cameras in order to develop SOPs for the Department.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Consideration and Acceptance of Recommendation to Remove Officer Scott Spezzano from New-Hire Probationary Status

Interim Chief Crosby informed the Commission that Officer Scott Spezzano has completed the minimum probationary period as a new-hire officer of the Department on January 22, 2015, and recommended that the Commission remove him from new-hire probationary status. Commissioner Sauvigne made a motion to remove Officer Spezzano from new-hire probationary status effective February 9, 2015. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Waters. Motion carried 3-0.

B. Discussion on Route 107 Traffic Safety Concerns

At the request of a resident, the Department inquired of the State DOT as to whether the State would reduce the speed limit of Route 107, a state road, in the Georgetown area. Interim Chief Crosby reported that the State DOT is not willing to consider a reduction of the speed limit, deeming it appropriate based on the width of the road, visibility and other criteria. No further action will be taken by the Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion on Overtime

Interim Chief Crosby informed the Commission that the Department had used approximately 58% of its overtime budget for the current fiscal year as of this date. If no unforeseen demands occur, the Department will likely be able to remain within the overtime budget through this fiscal year.

REPORTS OF THE COMMISSIONERS

There were no reports of the Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:11 p.m., the meeting went into Executive Session for discussion of personnel issues. At 8:30 p.m., the Commission came out of Executive Session. No action was taken in the Executive Session.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

At 8:31 p.m., a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Waters seconded by Commissioner Sauvigne and passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

David F. Waters, Acting Recording Secretary