

Wilton Police Commission



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**POLICE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING  
14 JANUARY 2013**

**CTO**

Chairman Commissioner Chris Weldon called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. In attendance were Commissioner David Waters, Commissioner Don Sauvigne and Chief Michael Lombardo.

**MINUTES**

Commissioner Waters made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2012 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 is consistent with that of the same period last year, but an increase overall in 2012 from the number of stops in calendar year 2011. The number of officers on the road in December was curtailed by the placement of officers at the schools in the aftermath of the Sandy Hook shootings. In light of the challenges raised by officer injuries/illnesses, storms that diverted personnel and the Sandy Hook ramifications, the number of 2012 MV Stops was commendable.

The Activity Report was reviewed. The reported activities were generally stable to those of last year at this time; the Commissioners noted that EMS Assists were down overall in 2012 from the number of assists in 2011. Reported Domestic incidents were also down in 2012, but there were more violent incidents than in prior years. Chief Lombardo advised the Commission that studies indicate that for every reported Domestic incident there are four unreported ones so the problem remains significant, and the need for a speedy police response is critical to resolving these incidents without further violence. Chief Lombardo further noted that a majority of the Miscellaneous Burglaries was the result of persons leaving items in unlocked cars – despite letters in the paper advising citizens to lock their cars and remove their personal belongings. This is a crime of opportunity and a burglar will usually move on if a vehicle is locked.

The MAC Report was reviewed. Chief Lombardo informed the Commission that there were many tasks he would like the officers assigned to undertake, but with limited resources it was necessary for those officers to devote their time to other activities such as filling in gaps on the required patrol shifts.

The SRO Report was reviewed. The Commission expressed satisfaction with Officer Ross' activity for the period and noted that a significant portion of the activity was related to the Newtown shootings.

A motion to juggle the Agenda to address Old Business was made by Commissioner Weldon and Seconded by Commissioner Sauvigne. It carried 3-0.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **A. Discussion and Approval of Crosswalk Location to Connect the Grange Parking Area with Cannondale Village**

The Commission discussed the proposed crosswalk to connect the Grange parking area with Cannondale Village and reviewed an aerial photograph upon which the location of the crosswalk and related signage was designated. Chief Lombardo informed the Commission that the improvements are all within the street right of way and that permission of adjoining property owners was therefore not required. Commissioner David Waters made a motion to approve the installation of the crosswalk and related signage on Cannon Road, as depicted on the attached photo. Commissioner Don Sauvigne seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

#### **B. Discussion of Speed Enforcement and School Zone Signage on Route 7 in Proximity to the High School**

Discussion ensued about more speed enforcement and signage along the stretch of Route 7, from the tennis courts to the high school. Chief Lombardo reported that he had received information from the State DOT that included four options for additional signage and enforcement, which he will distribute to the Commissioners for consideration. Chief Lombardo will also communicate with the interested parties to let them know that the Commission is reviewing options to address the situation. Commissioner Weldon asked whether it might be possible to install additional sidewalks to encourage pedestrians to walk to the nearest crosswalk rather than crossing Route 7 at an undesignated location. Chief Lombardo will speak with DOT and obtain the plans and surveys of the stretch of road to see what might be accomplished.

### **REPORT OF CHIEF LOMBARDO**

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

- Thank you letters to the following residents and businesses for their generosity during the holidays:

Paige Kellogg, Family and Friends  
 Pinnocchio Pizza  
 Frank Annunziato/NEXGEN  
 Tony Colgero – William Pitt Sotheby's  
 Mr. and Mrs. Sell  
 The Phelan Family  
 Marcus Partners  
 The Klancko Family  
 Tracy and Eric Darmofal  
 Chestnut Electric Corp.  
 Elaine Tai-Lauria – Wilton Library  
 Joey and Brooke Bohacs  
 Mrs. Barbara Hartman  
 The Young Family  
 Eleanora Tornatore-Mikesh – The Greens at Cannondale  
 Cheryl Jenson, Administration and Staff – Miller Driscoll School  
 Jana and Craig Stephenson  
 Heather Iafrate  
 The Ferro Family  
 Steve Francia – Wilton Deli  
 The Burk Family  
 Gail Lavielle  
 Phil Catania – Stop & Shop  
 Robert and Paula Stone  
 The Madaras Family  
 The Lifrieri Family  
 The Gustafson Family  
 The Sylvia Family  
 The Pinchbeck Family  
 Wilton EMS  
 Leslie Eike-Yates  
 Christopher Weldon, David Waters and Donald Sauvigne – Wilton Police  
 Commission  
 Vicki Drewes  
 Zachary and Ruth Sachs  
 Harold and Janet Kristiansen  
 Mr. and Mrs. Beecher  
 Mr. and Mrs. Florio

- Donations to the Wilton Police Fund:

Zachary and Ruth Sachs - \$300.00  
 Harold and Janet Kristiansen - \$50.00

Mr. and Mrs. Beecher - \$50.00  
Mr. and Mrs. Florio - \$50.00

- Other Donations:

The Pinchbeck Family - \$1000.00 to the Canine Program

- Thank you letter to Captain Lynch from New Milford Deputy Chief Mark Buckley for his participation in the Lieutenant assessment process.

Chief Lombardo expressed specific thanks to the Pinchbeck Family for the contribution to the Canine Program. He reported that he, Officer Rangel and K-9 Enzo would be attending a Kiwanis meeting and that he hoped to set up similar meetings with the Rotary Club, the YMCA and the schools to introduce K-9 Enzo to the community.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The Commission discussed the security commission being set up by First Selectman Bill Brennan. Chief Lombardo will be a participant. The Commissioners asked Chief Lombardo to keep them apprised of the mission statement once it is developed.

### **REPORTS OF THE COMMISSIONERS**

There were no reports of the Commissioners.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Commissioner Weldon opened the meeting to public comment. There was no public comment.

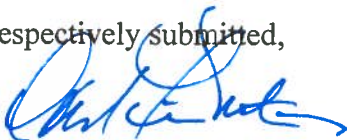
### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 7:46 p.m., the meeting went into Executive Session to discuss ongoing Labor Negotiations. No action was taken in the Executive Session.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:00 p.m., the Commission came out of Executive Session and a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Waters seconded by Commissioner Sauvigne and passed 3-0.

Respectively submitted,



David F. Waters, Acting Recording Secretary

