

Wilton Police Commission



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**POLICE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
9 OCTOBER 2012**

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Acting Chairman David Waters called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. In attendance were Commissioner Chris Weldon (via phone), Chief Michael Lombardo, Deputy Chief Robert Crosby and Captain John Lynch, along with Maggie Dobbins (WHS PTA President), Gloria Bass (parent), Robert O'Donnell (WHS Principal), Robert McDowell (YMCA Executive Director) and Senator Toni Boucher.

MINUTES

The motion to waive the reading of the Minutes from the September 10, 2012 meeting was carried 2-0.

A motion to juggle the Agenda to address New Business Item "6A Discussion on School Zone Signage on Route 7" was carried 2-0.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion ensued about more speed enforcement and signage along the stretch of Route 7, from the tennis courts to the high school. Commissioner Waters explained to the members of the public present that Route 7 is a state road and that the State DOT, not the Commission, has jurisdiction over signage and established speed limits on state roads. However, the Department and the State DOT work closely with each other on such matters, and Chief Lombardo will contact the State DOT requesting that the State DOT consider marking the area along Route 7 in this area as a "School Zone" with signage. The Commission agreed to report back to the interested parties with the State DOT's determination.

DISCUSSION OF MONTHLY REPORTS

Monthly reports were reviewed and discussed. The Commissioners noted that the number of MV stops is down significantly from this time last year. This will be addressed with the staff. Domestic Violence incidents are down from last month and from the same time period in 2011.

The MAC Report was reviewed and discussed. Due to the shortage of available officers created by many officers out on injury leave, only four days were devoted to MAC during the month of September. Some officers were involved in State mandated training and this also attributed to the low MAC coverage. Chief Lombardo expressed that he is trying to keep the overtime hours down. Commissioner Chris Weldon went on record as stating that the police department is doing a good job.

OLD BUSINESS

Photo copies of pictures of Wolfpit Road in the vicinity of Miller Driscoll School were reviewed and there was discussion about the placement of a speed sign location. Commissioner David Waters made a motion to place the sign as close as possible to the utility pole on Wolfpit Road, as depicted by the * on the attached photo copy. Commissioner Chris Weldon seconded the motion and it carried 2-0.

NEW BUSINESS (continued)

B. Commissioner David Waters made a motion to take Officer Edward Dolenk off new-hire probation effective October 7, 2012, as recommended by Chief Michael Lombardo. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Chris Weldon and passed 2-0.

There was a discussion on placing speed signs in each direction on Route 7 by the high school.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF

- Letter to the Editor about Police response concerning Browns Reservoir project on Vista Road
- Letter from Mary McDonough to Chief Lombardo, thanking Officer Anna Tornello and Sgt. Thomas Tunney for their kindness and support.
- Email from Chief Lombardo to Sgt. Jim Dempsey, Officer Bill Barrett and Lt. Stephen Bartek for the manner in which they handled an incident.
- Email from Captain John Lynch to Officer Arnault Baker thanking him for offering to continue the next bid on the midnight shift.
- Letter to Chief Lombardo from Jon Damast, praising the quick response and action taken by Officer David Hartman during an incident at the Damast residence and also acknowledging the response from Officer Sell and Sgt. Dempsey.
- Letter of appreciation from Chief Lombardo to the staff and residents at Wilton Meadows for sandwich wraps brought to the Department.

- Letter from Chief Lombardo to Wendy Kaufman (Brookdale Place of Wilton), thanking them for cookies that were brought to the Department.
- Note of thanks from the Human Services Council to Chief Lombardo for his assistance in securing a helicopter for the Kidzfest event.
- Letter from Deputy Chief Buckley of the New Milford Police Department thanking Lt. Bartek for his assistance in their Assessment Center for the rank of Sergeant.
- Email from Walter and Sharon Kress thanking Officer Anna Tornello for her efforts in resolving a hit and run mystery.
- Letter to Chief Lombardo from the Fairfield County Police Training Officer's Association (FCPTOA), thanking him for the professionalism and perseverance Officer Phillipson demonstrated during a two week driver training program that he assisted in.
- Letter from Chief Lombardo thanking Vintage Salsa for the food that was given to the Department.
- Letter from Reverend Jane Field (Joint Youth Ministries) to Chief Lombardo extending thanks to the department and Officer David Hartman for his presentation to the sixth and seventh graders.
- Letter from Chief Lombardo to Westport Police Chief Cal for assistance received from Officer Jimmie Loomer and his K-9 Koda during the execution of a search warrant.
- Email from Peter Thorner advising Chief Lombardo about the professional and diligent work done by Officer Anna Tornello.
- Thanks from Children's Day School of Wilton for department's participation in Annual Touch a Truck event.
- Letter to Chief Lombardo from Natalie Ketcham (Redding First Selectman) for assistance from Wilton Dive Team.
- Letters to SRO Richard Ross and Detective Scott Sear from Principal Julia Harris (Middlebrook School) for their participation during preparation and lock down drill at the school.
- Letter from Chief Lombardo thanking John Kelly for donation of \$89.00 to the Gift Fund

Chief Lombardo noted that Officer Steven Rangel and K-9 Enzo will be graduating from their training in late October. He also announced that according to an FBI report the Town of Wilton has a 7% reduction in crime.

Chief Lombardo and Deputy Crosby met with Weston Police Chief John Troxell and Sgt. Pat Daubert to discuss regional dispatching. In order to collect grant funding at least three towns must support regionalization. The Weston Fire Department does not support regional dispatching.

REPORTS OF THE COMMISSIONERS

There were no reports of the Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:07 p.m., the meeting went into Executive Session to discuss ongoing Labor Issues. No action was taken in the Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:21 p.m., the Commission came out of Executive Session and a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Waters, seconded by Commissioner Weldon and passed 2-0.

Respectively submitted,



Deputy Chief Crosby