

Wilton Police Commission



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POLICE COMMISSION MEETING
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Chairman Chris Weldon called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were Commissioner David Waters and Commissioner Matt Mason, Chief Michael Lombardo, and Claire Furano.

MINUTES

Commissioner Matt Mason made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2011 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner David Waters and passed 3-0.

DISCUSSION OF MONTHLY REPORTS

The Commission reviewed, discussed and accepted the monthly reports.

It was noted that the number of Domestic Violence calls is up significantly over the number of calls during the first quarter of 2010. The Commission reviewed charts that were created by Deputy Chief Crosby, depicting the days of the week and times of day DV calls came in.

The number of MV stops is down significantly since the completion of the Route 7 expansion project. Manpower is down from the full workforce of 44 officers. Two officers remain out on disability leave and one officer resigned. A new officer was hired last week and will be ready for patrol in January 2012, at the completion of his training. One of the officers who is out on disability will be returning this week. The other is expected to return in May.

There have been a number of larceny calls due to numerous car break-ins. Surrounding towns are experiencing the same.

The MAC Report was reviewed and discussed. Traffic Enforcement is dependent upon the number of available officers. Patrol often covers when available.

Westport Road and Belden Hill Road have been targeted as areas of concern. A few residents have thanked the officers for being there. Right turn on red at the intersection of Olmstead Hill Road onto Route 7 was discussed, along with Servco's request for a traffic signal at the intersection of Catalpa and Route 7. The possibility of school buses exiting at Lily Way was discussed. Lt. Brennan has been in touch with the bus company on the issue. Servco has requested a meeting with State DOT and the PD to look at the intersection.

REPORT OF CHIEF LOMBARDO

Letters of thanks and jobs well done were reviewed. One email was from Patrick York commending Anna Tornello on the manner in which she conducted herself during an EMS call. Chief Lombardo sent letters of appreciation to Kathy Leeds of the Wilton Library and Luis Garcia of the Wilton Rotary Club for their support and sponsorship of the Awards Ceremony in March.

OLD BUSINESS

Route 33 (Westport Road)

The State DOT notified Chief Lombardo that the speed limit on Route 33/Westport Road will be placed on the agenda for the State DOT Traffic Authority's meeting in May. They will recommend that the speed limit be a consistent 35 mph the length of Westport Road to Wilton Hunt. The Chief has notified a concerned resident who brought this issue to the Commission's attention. Commissioner Mason made a motion to concur with the State's recommendation to change the speed limit on Westport Road to 35 mph in the recommended areas. The motion was seconded by David Waters and passed 3-0.

Overtime Update

Chief Lombardo apprised the commission that the overtime for the first three quarters of the fiscal year is better than he anticipated. In order to help keep overtime costs down, officers have been switched to different shifts. The Chief is anticipating coming in \$10K under budget in the salary/OT line item. Commissioner Mason noted this is a reflection of exercising considerable judgment with respect to traffic enforcement and that services are reduced. Chief Lombardo added that essential services are provided, but rapid response time at times may be reduced due to low manpower.

Commissioner Mason suggested looking into the possibility of the FD providing car seat installations to the public. Chief Lombardo will discuss with Chief Milositz.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

REPORTS OF THE COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Weldon recapped the State Police Commissioners' Award Dinner highlighting that Officer Anna Tornello received her award for being the highest scorer at POST, not only during her session, but the highest scorer of the others receiving the same award. He also spoke about the American Red Cross Heroes Awards Breakfast where Officer Joe Calorossi received an award for saving a life while off duty. Commissioner Waters spoke about the swearing in of Officer Edward Dolenk.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:32 p.m., the meeting adjourned with no Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted,



Claire Furano
Recording Secretary