

Wilton Police Commission



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POLICE COMMISSION MEETING
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Vice Chairman Commissioner Matt Mason called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. In attendance were Commissioner David Waters, Chairman Commissioner Chris Weldon (arrived 7:15 p.m.), Chief Michael Lombardo, Deputy Chief Robert Crosby and Claire Furano.

MINUTES

Commissioner David Waters made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2011 meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Commissioner Matt Mason. Motion carried 2-0.

DISCUSSION OF MONTHLY REPORTS

The Commission reviewed, discussed and accepted the monthly reports.

The number of Motor Vehicle Stops is down from the same six month time period in 2010. Speeding is a consequence of the widened road and more police presence is needed. This will be discussed at the upcoming staff meeting. DUI stops are up from last year during the same six month time period. The number of EMS and Larceny calls is down from last year, along with MVAs. There is an increase in the number of MVA/Injuries and Burglary incidents. The number of Domestic Violence calls has increased dramatically with no repeat incidents.

Chief Lombardo spoke about the law concerning possession of marijuana. Possession of less than half ounce has been changed from a criminal arrest to an infraction ticket. To date, there have been no offenses recorded.

The MAC Report was reviewed and discussed. Lt. Steve Brennan was once again praised for his thoroughness in preparing the report.

In response to a request from a member of the public for a stop sign on Route 33 where it joins Route 7 south, and the response from CT DOT that a stop sign could not be installed at that location, Commissioner David Waters suggested the placement of a yield sign where traffic merges at the intersection of Routes 7 and 33. Chief Lombardo will speak with CT DOT and make the recommendation.

Vice Chairman Matt Mason suggested including traffic issues on the PD website, in order that people may visit the website for more detailed traffic information.

REPORT OF CHIEF LOMBARDO

Letters of thanks and jobs well done were reviewed.

- Email from Chief Lombardo thanking Lt. Wakeman, Detectives Tarrant, Isidro and Trahan, along with Officers Zimnoch and Baker for the hard work and efforts they extended in a case which led to an arrest.
 - Complimentary email from Dick Ziegler to Chief Lombardo about Detective Pete Trahan and the members of the WPD.
 - Letter from Father Robert J. Post, Ph.D. (Chaplain-Stamford Fire Rescue Department) informing Chief Lombardo that Officer Joe Calorossi will be receiving the 2011 Diocese of Bridgeport Blue Mass Special Award for Police Officer-MRT-D on September 11, 2011 at St. Augustine's Cathedral, along with invitation from Bishop Lori.
 - Letters of appreciation to Chief Lombardo from former Police Commissioners Robert Singewald and Bo Mitchell for having the Police Commissioners commemoration.
- Captain John Lynch received an invitation to attend the 247th Session of the FBI National Academy.
 - Recruit Edward Dolenk's first quarter grades from P.O.S.T.
 - Summary of SRO services at the Board of Education. A second SRO is needed for the middle schools. SRO Ross not only has a presence at all the schools, but also works on cases involving school age children that occur outside of the schools.

OLD BUSINESS

Placement of New Solar Speed Sign

The School Road Speed Sign Schematics were reviewed and discussed. It was decided that after school begins in the September, numetrics will be placed on School Road and the results will be reviewed before deciding on the placement of the new solar speed sign.

NEW BUSINESS

SOP on Training and SOP on Mobile Data Terminals (MDTs)

Revisions to the Standard Operating Procedures on Training and Mobile Data Terminals (MDTs) were reviewed and discussed. Vice Chairman, Commissioner Matt Mason made a motion, which was seconded by Chairman, Commissioner Chris Weldon, to approve the revisions to the Training SOP and the Mobile Data Terminals (MDTs) SOP. It passed 3-0.

Discussion on Town Ordinance – Alcoholic Beverages

Commissioner Weldon brought to the table some complaints he had received about what appeared to be a large amount of people from out of town using Merwins Meadows. Commissioner Weldon also indicated that the complainants indicated that some of the people using the park appeared to be consuming alcohol even though the sign at the park entrance indicated no alcohol. Lastly, Commissioner Weldon advised that the complainants also observed a number of dogs in the park, one of which was chained to a poll in the back soccer field and muzzled. As to the alcohol consumption, the Chief indicated that the Alcohol Beverage Town Ordinance does not apply to the consumption of alcohol in Merwins Meadows. Chief Michael Lombardo will speak with Director of Parks and Recreation Steve Pierce and Town Counsel about potentially revising the ordinance in order to provide the ability to the Wilton Police to enforce the no alcohol rule in the various Town Parks.

Probation – Officer Anna Tornello

Vice Chairman, Commissioner Matt Mason made a motion to take Officer Anna Tornello off new-hire probation effective August 12, 2011, as recommended by Chief Michael Lombardo, provided nothing occurs between now and the end of her probation period which is August 12th, that would require the Chief and the Commission to revisit the decision. The motion was seconded by Commissioner David Waters and passed 3-0.

REPORTS OF THE COMMISSIONERS

There were no reports from the Commissioners.

At 7:40 Commissioner Mason left the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:43 p.m. the meeting went into Executive Session to discuss a pending claim to litigation. No action was taken in the Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:15 p.m., the Commission came out of Executive Session and a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Weldon, seconded by Commissioner Waters and passed 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire Furano
Recording Secretary