

Wilton Police Commission



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**POLICE COMMISSION MEETING
14 NOVEMBER 2011**

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Chairman Chris Weldon called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. In attendance were Commissioner Matt Mason, Commissioner David Waters, Chief Michael Lombardo, Don Sauvigne (Public), Alissa Smith (The Daily Wilton), Matthew Coyne (Hour), Deputy Chief Crosby, Sarah Taffel (arrived for the Executive Session) and Claire Furano.

MINUTES

Vice Chairman, Commissioner Mason made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2011 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Waters. Motion carried 3-0.

DISCUSSION OF MONTHLY REPORTS

Monthly reports were reviewed and discussed. Motor Vehicle Activity numbers for the month of October are good as a result of the officers' continued efforts in targeting complaint areas along with normal aggressive patrolling. The storm at the end of October curtailed patrol activity. The number of EMS Assists during the month of October is up from October 2010. Burglary and Breach of Peace numbers are up, continuing the trend of the last two years. Due to the good work on the part of the Detective Bureau, three arrests have been made and some of the stolen property has been recovered. Chief Lombardo emphasized the importance of locking car doors and removing valuables from motor vehicles. Every car that was broken into was unlocked and some cars had keys along with valuables left inside. Beginning last year burglary statistics were separated into two categories: "Burglary Miscellaneous", which is comprised of break-ins of cars, lockers at schools and the Wilton Y, etc.; and "Burglary", which consists of commercial businesses and residential break-ins. Criminal Mischief numbers were up in October, which is common for this time of year because of Halloween.

The MAC Report was reviewed and discussed. Chairman Weldon suggested looking at the PD services across the board for budget planning purposes. We are approved at 44 officers. Currently, we have 43 officers. The 43rd is in field training with Wilton PD officers and will be ready in January 2012 to go out on his own. There is one officer solely dedicated to IT because of the sensitive nature of the position and, thus, it cannot be farmed out to a private vendor. It was suggested that a back-up person be trained, for long term planning, should the IT officer be unavailable for any length of time.

The training of all officers on the NexGen system was completed by the end of summer. The E-ticketing function is forthcoming and will allow officers to print tickets in their cruisers.

The School Road speed sign was discussed. Commissioner Weldon would like to see if there is a trend as to when vehicle speeds spike. There have been many complaints about Belden Hill Road. A business owner has complained about exiting Catalpa Road onto the four lanes of traffic on Route 7. This has been studied and the State has denied the request for a traffic light at this intersection.

REPORT OF CHIEF LOMBARDO

Letters of thanks and jobs well done were reviewed.

- Chief Lombardo congratulated the Detective Bureau for solving the nighttime burglary crimes case and expressed his appreciation to Lt. Don Wakeman for supervising the investigation.
- Chief Lombardo thanked Peg Koellmer (Realty Seven) for supplying the Emergency Operations Center with lunch on a couple of occasions during the aftermath of the snow storm.
- Officer Baker received a letter of appreciation for his assistance during an emergency situation.

Chief Lombardo gave an overview of the snow storm and the EOC, which was manned by the PD, FD, DPW, First Selectman Bill Brennan and a representative from CL&P for eight days. Coordinating the clearing of closed roads for the passage of emergency vehicles was the first priority. We are hoping for FEMA to replace overtime costs which were \$10K during Irene and \$5K during the recent snow storm. When trees and wires are blocking roads, the PD and FD should be the notified first, so the roads can be taped off for public safety. It's helpful to get the closest pole number. Dispatch will notify CL&P. It was suggested that the Wilton Police Department's reporting of trees over wires to CL&P during non-storm times be tracked. The thought is to see how CL&P is responding to these reports and to stay ahead of the next storm.

OLD BUSINESS

The Alcohol Ordinance and meeting with Parks and Rec will be addressed at the December meeting.

Flashing Yellow Light on School Road

The price for a flashing yellow light ranges from \$2K to \$4K. Pictures will be emailed to the Commissioners for review. Going forward, this should be included as a capital expense. The price for a portable trailer is approximately \$15K and the price for the digital sign is approximately \$5K. As mentioned in the past, traffic calming devices can assist where manpower lacks. The Commissioners commented that the digital speed signs work well and Don Sauvigne from the public agreed.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

REPORTS OF THE COMMISSIONERS

There were no reports from the Commissioners.

Before going into Executive Session the meeting was open for questions from the public.

The Commission explained the various categories on the Activity Report to Allissa Smith.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:34 p.m. the meeting went into Executive Session to discuss ongoing Labor Negotiation Issues. No action was taken in the Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:35p.m. the Commission came out of Executive Session and a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Waters, seconded by Commissioner Mason and passed 3-0.

Respectively submitted,



Claire Furano
Recording Secretary