

Wilton Police Commission



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**POLICE COMMISSION MEETING
12 July 2010**

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Commissioner Matt Mason called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were Commissioners Mark Ketley and Chris Weldon, Chief Michael Lombardo, Deputy Chief Robert Crosby, Captain John Lynch and Claire Furano.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Ketley and seconded by Commissioner Weldon to approve the Minutes of the June 15, 2010 Regular Meeting. So moved 3-0.

DISUCSSION OF MONTHLY REPORTS

The Commission reviewed, discussed and accepted the monthly reports.

Chief Lombardo pointed out that the number of MV Stops in June is down 15% from the same time period in the prior year. The high number of larceny cases this year is largely attributable to the check altering case. There were twenty Domestic Violence calls during the month of June, three of which were repeat calls. The Chief noted that the Department is closely monitoring the Domestic Violence incidents. The number of Breach of Peace calls has increased over last year. Chief Lombardo noted that the Governor has recently passed new stricter legislation pertaining to the release of offenders.

The June MAC Report was reviewed and discussed. Commissioner Mason finds this report to be very informative.

Chief Lombardo pointed out to the Commission that department heads have been asked to cut overtime budgets by 20% this fiscal year. This presents a major challenge since a few officers are currently out for various reasons and their shifts require coverage. Shift coverage consumes the largest part of the overtime budget. Overtime is also used for mandatory training which requires 60 hours of training every three years. Also, there are more senior officers entitled to more vacation time which translates to more overtime coverage issues.

The exiting of school buses at the junction of Catalpa Road and Route 7 was discussed and will be looked at more closely when school is in session, to obtain a true assessment of school buses making a left turn from Catalpa Road onto Route 7 at the time school is dismissed. This is a state road and ultimately any recommendation would have to come from the state.

REPORT OF CHIEF MICHAEL LOMBARDO

The Chief reported about the past month's activities as follows:

- Letter of thanks from Zion's Hill Preschool Program for the support of the WPD.
- Thank you letter from Stamford's police Chief Nivakoff for the Department's participation in their 2010 Memorial Day Parade.
- Thank you letter from William Glass (Trackside Executive Director) for donation at Spring Fling auction fundraiser.
- Memos from Chief Lombardo recognizing those who participated in the Tip-A-Cop event at Outback Restaurant and the 2010 Special Olympics Torch Run.
- Email from Devin and Julie Comiskey thanking Officer Smaldone for his quick actions and candor concerning an incident.
- Thank you letter from Chief Lombardo to SUBWAY for sandwiches.
- Letter of appreciation from Robbin Cabelus (Safety Representative, CT DOT) for ongoing support from the Department in the CT Child Passenger Safety Program.
- Letter from Danbury Police Chief Alan Baker expressing gratitude for WPD members participation at funeral in New Milford.
- Letter from John Nequist, thanking Officers Anthony Cocco and Steve Gelineau for their professional assistance.

DONATION TO THE WILTON POLICE FUND:

- \$2,500 – Mark A. Brown, 111 Hickory Hill Road, Wilton

MISCELLANEOUS:

- POST grades of Recruit Anna Tornello – Class rank 1/46.

OLD BUSINESS

A. UPDATE ON DOT PROPOSAL FOR THE ROUTE 53 (CEDAR ROAD) AND ROUTE 106 (CHESTNUT HILL ROAD) INTERSECTION

Chief Lombardo met with DOT and Charles Grodin on Tuesday, June 22, 2010. The State will re-evaluate the placement of a stop sign at the intersection of Cedar Road and Chestnut Hill Road. DOT will conduct a study to determine if the proposed stop sign meets State traffic guidelines.

NEW BUSINESS

A. REQUEST FOR WIDENING DRIVEWAY ON NOD HILL ROAD

Commissioner Weldon motioned to approve the recommendation as reflected in Lt. Stephen Brennan's undated memo, which concurs with Mr. Valerie's assessment to eliminate the rock formation and embankment to allow for safer egress from the driveway at 480 Nod Hill Road and decrease the safety risk. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ketley. So moved 3-0.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

The Commission had nothing to report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:53 p.m., the meeting adjourned to the Executive Session to discuss sick time usage. At 8:05 p.m., the Commission came out of Executive Session without any action having been taken by the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,



Claire Furano
Recording Secretary