

Wilton Police Commission



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**POLICE COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
21 April 2015
TRACKSIDE CONFERENCE ROOM**

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Chairman Chris Weldon called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. In attendance were Commissioner David Waters, Commissioner Donald Sauvigne, Interim Chief Robert Crosby, and Captain John Lynch.

MINUTES

Commissioner Sauvigne made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2015 special meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Waters. Motion carried 3-0.

DISCUSSION OF MONTHLY REPORTS

Monthly reports were reviewed and discussed. The Commissioners noted that the number of MV Stops in March were up representing a high mark for 2015. The Commission noted the importance of a renewed process to increase the engagement of the WPD with the community including increased activity in community policing with officers taking time to walk and greet citizens throughout the town. Interim Chief Crosby will initiate activities to promote and measure this activity.

The Activity Report for March was reviewed. There was a discussion of the increase in MVAs . It was reported that this increase was a result of severe weather with significant icing issues. There were no particular areas or intersections that require increased vigilance and traffic safety activities.

The MAC Report for March was reviewed. There were no reporting concerns with days of assignments below normal due to staffing needs elsewhere. The Commissioners noted as in prior months Selective Enforcement, usually at the request of citizens, was effective in addressing traffic violations patterns at targeted areas.

The SRO Report was reviewed. The Commission expressed satisfaction with the report. In addition to a follow up discussion on the state "Blue Plan" and Wilton's activities, it was noted

that the Board of Education and School Administration was preparing a process and procedures to conduct periodic illegal substance searches within the schools with the assistance of the WPD and the K9 unit.

REPORT OF INTERIM CHIEF CROSBY

Letters of thanks and jobs well done and other miscellaneous matters were reviewed.

I. COPIES OF COMPLIMENTARY LETTERS:

- LETTER FROM NEWTOWN POLICE CHIEF KEHOE TO OFFICER STEVE RANGEL AND K9 ENZO THANKING THEM FOR ASSISTANCE WITH AN OPERATION
- NOTE OF APOLOGY AND GRATITUDE FOR CALLING THE PD FOR ASSISTANCE FROM WILTON RESIDENT, ALONG WITH A/CHIEF CROSBY'S RESPONSE
- LETTERS OF APPRECIATION TO MARK KETLEY (TRACKSIDE) AND CAROL JOHNSON (ROTARY) FROM A/CHIEF CROSBY FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION & CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE PREPARATION OF THE ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY
- LETTER FROM A/CHIEF CROSBY TO MARK KETLEY FOR FOOD BROUGHT TO THE DEPARTMENT
- THANK YOU LETTER FROM A/CHIEF CROSBY TO MICHAEL SCALLEN FOR FOOD BROUGHT TO THE DEPARTMENT
- THANK YOU LETTER FROM MELISSA LEONARD OF ZION'S HILL PRESCHOOL FOR PARTICIPATING IN FUND RAISER BY DONATING A RIDE IN A POLICE CRUISER
- LETTER OF APPRECIATION FROM CARL BERNSTEIN FOR ASSISTANCE GIVEN TO HIS WIFE BY SGT. DAVID HARTMAN, ALONG WITH A/CHIEF CROSBY'S RESPONSE
- NOTE TO OFFICER EVA ZIMNOCH FROM PAT SIDAU ALONG WITH NEWSPAPER CLIPPING
- EMAIL TO A/CHIEF CROSBY FROM NEW CANAAN HIGH SCHOOL A/ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL BEDARD PRAISING OFFICER ERIC PATENAUDE

II. MISCELLANEOUS:

- POST GRADES FOR RECRUITS JONATHAN PATRY AND MARK CANEPARI
- RESULTS OF THE LIEUTENANT'S EXAM

Interim Chief Crosby also reported that Officer Jonathan Patry very successfully completed Police Academy training graduating 2nd in a class of 49. Officer Patry is now in Field Training. The results of the recent Lieutenant's Exam was reviewed with Officers Cipolla, Phillipson, and Hartman participating in the process.

OLD BUSINESS

Interim Chief provided further information on the process of obtaining body cameras for the police force. The Department was awarded a \$12,000 JAG grant to assist in the purchase of these camera. Several vendors are being considered. The Chief will arrange for a presentation to the Commission by the preferred vendor when identified. SOP are being drafted by the staff with involvement of the patrol officers.

NEW BUSINESS

Interim Chief Crosby reviewed and explained the State of Connecticut Racial Profiling Study prepared from traffic stops in 2013-2014. There were no issues found for Wilton. Chief Crosby contacted Mr. Ken Barone, the author of the study to ensure interpretations were being made correctly. Mr. Barone stated that there are no issues with the Wilton data.

The commission discussed the appeal for corrective action at the intersection of Wolfpit Road and Route 7. The matter has and will be addressed by Lt. Conlan, but that any action is a matter for the State as both roads are state roads. The citizen has been so advised.

The Commission also reviewed a request to review the placement of a left turn lane heading south on Rt. 7 at the intersection with Grumman Hill Road. Commissioner Sauvigne motioned to request the state (Rt. 7 is a state road) to review this matter and proceed as required following the state traffic review. Motion passed 3-0.

Interim Chief Crosby will initiate a process whereby the Commissioners can periodically attend the roll call sessions at the start of each shift. Coordination of such will be through the Chief with roll calls at 7:00 AM, 3:00 PM, and 11:00 PM.

The May Commission meeting was rescheduled to May 20th.

REPORTS OF THE COMMISSIONERS

There were no reports from the Commission.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:35 PM., the meeting went into Executive Session for discussion of personnel issues. At 9:55 PM., the Commission came out of Executive Session. No action was taken in the Executive Session.

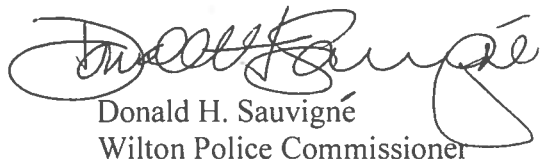
NEW BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

The Commission scheduled a Special Meeting to be held on May 7, 2015 for the purposes of discussing potential promotions.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:00 PM, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Sauvigne; seconded by Commissioner Waters and passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,


Donald H. Sauvigné
Wilton Police Commissioner