

Wilton Police Commission



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**POLICE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 2, 2015**

**CTO**

Chairman Chris Weldon called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. In attendance were Commissioner David Waters, Commissioner Donald Sauvigne, Chief Robert Crosby, Captain John Lynch and Captain Thomas Conlan.

**MINUTES**

Commissioner Waters made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2015 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sauvigne. Motion carried 3-0.

**DISCUSSION OF MONTHLY REPORTS**

Monthly reports were reviewed and discussed. The Commissioners were pleased with the continuing trend in the number of MV stops establishing a YTD monthly average of 400 exceeding the average for each of the 4 previous years. Commissioner Sauvigne reiterated the need to remain vigilant in monitoring drivers for illegal cell phone use, and when manpower permits to assign "rover patrols" for cell phone abuses, similar to other SEU activities.

The Activity Report for October was reviewed without concern.

The MAC Report for October was reviewed and the Commissioners expressed satisfaction with the report format and the numerous activities completed in October specifically SEU action on traffic problems, three traffic studies, and community policing initiatives. The Commissioners, acting as the local traffic authority, reviewed a request made by a local resident for "hidden drive" signage and the analysis of that request by Officer Sisenstein. Commissioner Weldon moved to approve the placement of such a sign along with "Hearing Impaired Child" signage recommended by the homeowner's physician. Commissioner Waters seconded the motion which passed 3-0.

The SRO Report for October was reviewed. The Commission expressed satisfaction with the report. The Chief advised that he received very favorable comments from the Schools and the Board of Education about the performance and value of the two SRO's. The Chief will verify the proper accounting apportionment of SRO salaries.

The Overtime Report for October was reviewed. The Commission again expressed concern with overtime hours during this reporting period and asked for even greater vigilance in addressing this issue. Chief Crosby again reported the several factors involved – the open position for evening dispatch, medical leave, among others. The Commission noted that a timely closure is needed in the hiring of permanent dispatch staff, and that the process was deferred too long. The Commissioners and the Chief had a focused and worthy discussion on budgetary management for this and the following fiscal year.

The Accreditation Report for October was reviewed. Lieutenant Brennan met with the State Accreditation Manager and reviewed the requirements of the new application that have been adopted by the accrediting agency. The Accreditation Manager will now provide a document outlining process issues and suggested completion dates. The Commission has requested that additional focus be placed on this matter with a request that a timeline with measurable benchmarks be established with detailed quarterly assessments through to year end 2016. The Chief will ask the Accreditation Manager to present his recommendation to the Commission in the first 2 months of 2016.

The K-9 report was reviewed. The Chief reported that the area K-9 Specialist will be visiting the week of November 9 to assess whether patrol dog Enzo can be retrained to move to a different dog handler if such needed in the future. The Commission requested the Chief to provide statistics on K-9 use by other comparable towns.

### **REPORT OF CHIEF CROSBY**

Letters of thanks and jobs well done and other miscellaneous matters were reviewed. The Chief also reported on his participation in the Police Chiefs Conference in Chicago expressing satisfaction with the networking opportunities and meeting with body cameras manufacturers.

#### **Letters:**

- Email to Chief Crosby from Ethan Hendler expressing gratitude for Officer Anthony Cocco.
- Email from Joe Stauff (Wilton resident) to Chief Crosby praising Officer Mark Canepari for his helpful assistance.
- Note to Chief Crosby expressing Mr. Cremari's complimentary comments about Officer Douglas Parsons.

#### **Donations to the Wilton Police Fund:**

None

#### **Donations (Other):**

None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Update on Status of Body Cameras**

Chief Crosby reported that the Department is still experimenting with the Taser version of body camera, and that the Panasonic version is still not available for Department testing. Chief Crosby reported that the grant funding period has been extended to March 31, 2016; but that he will continue to request suppliers to make camera units available well in advance if that date.

### **B. Movember**

Chief Crosby announced that several Department Officers will participate in Movember during November and December. The Officers will be permitted to grow facial hair to raise awareness of men's health issues. Participating Officers will donate \$50.00 per month to the St. Vincent's SWIM Across the Sound program.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. New Hire Timeline**

The Chief discussed the Dispatch Hiring timeline targeting for conditional offers by January 4, 2016; and the Officer Hiring Timeline with Commission interviews set for December 14, 2015.

## **REPORTS OF THE COMMISSIONERS**

There were no reports of the Commissioners.

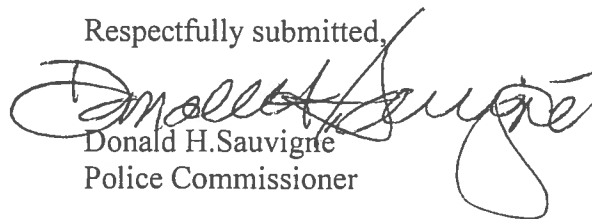
## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 8:37 p.m., the meeting went into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. At 8:45 p.m., the Commission came out of Executive Session. No action was taken in the Executive Session.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:50 p.m., a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Sauvigne seconded by Commissioner Waters and passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Donald H. Sauvigne  
Police Commissioner