Wilton Police Commission



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POLICE COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING 12 JANUARY 2015

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Chairman Chris Weldon called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. In attendance were Commissioner David Waters, Interim Chief Robert Crosby and Captain John Lynch.

MINUTES

Commissioner Waters made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2014 regular meeting and the December 18, 2014 and December 29, 2014 special meetings. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Waters. Motion carried 2-0.

DISCUSSION OF MONTHLY REPORTS

Monthly reports were reviewed and discussed. The Commissioners noted that the number of MV Stops in December was about average year to year, but that the total number of stops for 2014 was down approximately 500 from those in 2013. This was at least partially due to training demands and new patrol officers who were not yet on the road. Interim Chief Crosby informed the Commission that the Department has been reminded that the number of stops is one measure of activity that can be readily compared to prior periods and that it is important that the level of activity be maintained.

The Activity Report for December was reviewed. There were no reporting concerns. For 2014 overall, the number of motor vehicle accidents was up but the number of accidents with injuries was down; all other categories were generally down and consistent with 2013. Interim Chief Crosby noted that the number of burglaries was down significantly from 2013, which was particularly rewarding. He will try to get comparable activity reports from other towns.

The MAC Report for December was reviewed. Interim Chief Crosby reported Officer Cocco has not been available for MAC activities due to his assignment as Acting Sergeant. Selective enforcement on Hurlbutt Street following a citizen's complaint

resulted in a significant number of stops. The Christmas/New Year's SEU enforcement netted a high number of motor vehicle violations.

The SRO Report for December was reviewed. The Commission expressed satisfaction with the report. Officer MacLean has provided a visible presence at all schools except the high school, which is covered by Officer Ross. There were approximately twelve Explorers at the annual holiday party in December.

REPORT OF INTERIM CHIEF CROSBY

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

Letters:

- Letter from Chief Lombardo thanking Elizabeth & William Reiss for their donation to the Wilton Police Fund.
 - Letter from Chief Lombardo thanking Luke and Cali Sonatore for baked goods sent to the department.
 - Letter from Chief Lombardo expressing gratitude to the Vona family for the poinsettia plant that was sent.
 - Letter to Susan Lauricella (Wilton Library) thanking her for the gingerbread house decorated by teens.
 - Letter of gratitude from Chief Lombardo to Jaime Cahill (Nexgen) for the gift basket.
 - Letter to John Jetty (The Greens/Wilton Meadows) for food that was delivered to the department.
 - Letter to the Young Family expressing Chief Lombardo's gratitude for a sandwich tray.
 - Email praising Officer Elise Smith for her participation in the "Kids Shop with Cops" program.
 - Email praising Sgt. Hartman, Officers Gelineau, and Rangel and Dispatcher Kenny for their assistance in locating a missing child.
 - Letter from Lt. Pickering and Sgt. Farenga (New Canaan PD) recognizing
 Detective Pete Trahan for his responsiveness and professionalism while assisting
 during an MVA investigation and thanking supervisors who allowed Detective
 Trahan to respond.
 - Letter from Chief Lombardo thanking Harold & Janet Kristiansen for their donation to the Wilton Police Fund.
 - Letter to the Whispering Bells Foundation (Workman Family) for donation to the Wilton Police Fund.
 - Thank you letter from Chief Lombardo to the Klancko for the homemade goodies.
 - Letter of appreciation to Jennifer Shaffer for the tin of cookies.
 - Thank you letter to the Morneau Family for cookies.
 - Letter from Chief Lombardo thanking Bridgewater Associates for cookies and pie.

- Letter of appreciation to Attorney Black from Chief Lombardo for Kringles.
- Thank you letter to Brookdale Place for tray of cookies from Chief Lombardo.
- Thank you letter from Chief Lombardo to Jimena Vignola for donation.
- Thank you letter from Chief Lombardo to Victoria Hickey for tin of biscuits.
- Thank you letter from Chief Lombardo to Elain Tai-Lauria (Wilton Library) for cookies.
- Letter of appreciation from Chief Lombardo to the Lifrieri Family for CT Coffee gift cards.
- Letter to the Gustafson Family from Chief Lombardo for treats.
- Letter to the Madaras Family from Chief Lombardo for homemade goods.
- Thank you letter from Chief Lombardo to EMS for brownies.
- Letter of appreciation from Chief Lombardo to Zachary and Ruth Sachs for donation to Wilton Police Fund.
- Thank you letter to Mitch & Annie Kosh of Roly Poly's for food sent to the PD.
- Thank you letter to Wilton Police Commission for food delivered to the PD over the Holidays.

Donations to the Wilton Police Fund:

- \$100.00 Elizabeth & William Reiss
- \$ 50.00 Harold & Janet Kristiansen
- \$300.00 Whispering Bells Foundation (Workman Family)
- \$ 15.00 Jimena Vignola
- \$300.00- Zachary & Ruth Sachs

Donations (Other): none

Miscellaneous:

- Letter from P.O.S.T. congratulating Officer Scott Spezzano on certification as a Police Officer and advising him of his certification obligations under State Statutes.
- Final Grades from POST for Officer Stacy Welch and Officer Eric Patenaude.
- Letter from Chief Lombardo to the Bishops of the Blue Buffalo Company apprising them of the K-9 Unit's accomplishments during 2014.

OLD BUSINESS

The Commission did not discuss any old business.

<u>NEW BUSINESS</u>

A. Consideration and Acceptance of Detective Christopher Isidro's Resignation from the Wilton Police Department

Interim Chief Crosby informed the Commission that the Department had received written notice dated December 30, 2014 that Detective Isidro was resigning from the Department effective January 1, 2015, and noted that Detective Isidro had been a member of the Department for 25 years. Commissioner Weldon made a motion to accept Detective Isidro's resignation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Waters. Motion carried 2-0.

B. Consideration and Acceptance of Patrol Officer Stacy Welch's Resignation from the Wilton Police Department

Interim Chief Crosby informed the Commission that the Department had received written notice dated January 5, 2015 that Patrol Officer Welch was resigning from the Department effective January 5, 2015. Commissioner Weldon made a motion to accept Patrol Officer Welch's resignation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Waters. Motion carried 2-0.

C. Consideration and Acceptance of Recommendation to Remove Officer Wojciech Brodzinski from Probationary Status

Interim Chief Crosby informed the Commission that Officer Wojciech Brodzinski has completed the minimum probationary period as an officer of the Department on December 21, 2014, and recommended that the Commission remove him from probationary status. Commissioner Weldon made a motion to remove Officer Brodzinski from probationary status effective January 12, 2015. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Waters. Motion carried 2-0.

D. Consideration and Acceptance of Recommendation to Remove Officer Scott Spezzano from Probationary Status

Interim Chief Crosby informed the Commission that Officer Scott Spezzano will complete the minimum probationary period as an officer of the Department on January 22, 2015. Consideration of this matter was tabled until the minimum probationary period as an officer has been completed.

REPORTS OF THE COMMISSIONERS

There were no reports of the Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:40 p.m., the meeting went into Executive Session for discussion of personnel issues. At 8:35 p.m., the Commission came out of Executive Session. No action was taken in the Executive Session.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

At 8:36 p.m., a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Waters seconded by Commissioner Weldon and passed 2-0.

Respectfully sysbmitted,

David F. Waters, Acting Recording Secretary