

Wilton Police Commission



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**POLICE COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
8 SEPTEMBER 2014**

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Chairman Chris Weldon called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. In attendance were Commissioner David Waters, Commissioner Don Sauvigne, Chief Michael Lombardo, Deputy Chief Robert Crosby and Captain John Lynch.

MINUTES

Commissioner Sauvigne made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2014 special meeting. The 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 was up from the prior month in July, but down in August. Chief Lombardo stated that he was not aware of any particular reason for the variation, but that the average number of stops month to month was consistent. Chief Lombardo reported that, as requested by the Commission, the Department had reviewed the locations of reported motor vehicle accidents and there were no specific areas where the frequency of accidents was higher than in other locations. The number of persons being fingerprinted was high, with most of it being school related as the new school year begins.

The Activity Reports for July and August were reviewed. The commissioners noted that the number of motor vehicle accidents with injuries is down, although the total number of motor vehicle accidents has remained relatively constant. There were no reporting concerns.

The MAC Reports for July and August were reviewed. Chief Lombardo reported Officer MacLean has been reassigned to her new position as SRO. Officer MacLean and Officer Holland recently rappelled down the Mohegan Sun building to support Special Olympics.

The SRO Reports for July and August were reviewed. A great deal of attention has been focused on the alleged improprieties of a former employee at Miller Driscoll School. Chief Lombardo reported that the Department is investigating complaints that have been made to the Department and the investigations are ongoing. The Commission expressed satisfaction with the report.

REPORT OF CHIEF LOMBARDO

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

Letters:

- Email to Officer Eva Zimnoch, Sgt. Robert Cipolla and Officers Joseph Calorossi and Scott Spezzano for thoroughness in detection and making an arrest.
- Letter to Chief Lombardo from New Canaan Captain DeMaio thanking him for the assistance of Detective Peter Trahan and Sgt. Greg Phillipson.
- Letter of thanks to MJ Wilken for candy sent to the Department as a gesture of appreciation for the well being check by Officers Eva Zimnoch and Anthony Cocco.
- Note to Lt. Stephen Brennan from Second Selectman Hal Clark praising him for his completion of the Ironman competition.
- Email from Mrs. Hoffstatter expressing appreciation for Officer Frank Razzaia's assistance.
- Note to Officer Eva Zimnoch for assistance and guidance to the Fawn Ridge Community from Allison Jennings (President) and Cecelia Siciliano (Director).
- Letter of thanks from Chief Lombardo to the School Sisters of Notre Dame for cookies.

Donations to the Wilton Police Fund: n/a

Donations (Other):

- \$500 to the K-9 Fund from Orem's Diner

Miscellaneous:

- Memos from Chief Lombardo advising Officers Robert Smaldone and Stephen Sisenstein of their Field Training Officer assignments.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Security Task Force

Chief Lombardo reported that the Security Task Force will continue to work with the schools to make recommendations as to future security needs.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and Consideration of Speed Limit Reduction on Route 107/School Street

Chief Lombardo recommended that the Commission consider a reduction in the posted speed limit on the approximately ¼ mile length of School Street in the Georgetown area of Wilton from 35 MPH to 30 MPH. Because this is a state highway, a request would be made to Connecticut DOT for this reduction. Following discussion, Commissioner Waters moved that Chief Lombardo be authorized on behalf of the Commission in its role as the Wilton Traffic Commission to request that ConnDOT reduce the posted speed limit. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sauvigne and carried 3-0.

B. Acceptance of Officer Richard Muth's Resignation from the Wilton Police Department.

Chief Lombardo informed the Commission that he had received written notice dated August 28, 2014 that Officer Muth was resigning from the Department effective October 11, 2014, and noted that Officer Muth had been a member of the Department for almost 25 years. Commissioner Waters made a motion to accept Officer Muth's resignation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sauvigne. Motion carried 3-0.

REPORTS OF THE COMMISSIONERS

There were no reports of the Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:50 p.m., the meeting went into Executive Session for prospective police officer candidate interviews. At 10:12 p.m., the Commission came out of Executive Session. No action was taken in the Executive Session.

NEW BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

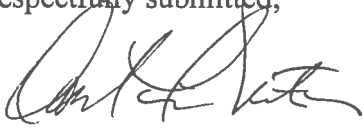
C. Consideration of Hiring of New Police Officer Recruit by the Department

Commissioner Waters made a motion to offer Jonathan Patry an offer of employment as a police officer of the Department, subject to the usual conditions and background follow up research, with a commencement date of employment determined at the discretion of the Chief upon the satisfactory completion of such conditions and the earliest available time. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sauvigne. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:13 p.m., a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Waters seconded by Commissioner Sauvigne and passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David F. Waters". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" being the most prominent.

David F. Waters, Acting Recording Secretary