

Wilton Police Commission



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**POLICE COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING  
19 DECEMBER 2011**

**CTO**

Vice Chairman Commissioner Matt Mason called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. In attendance were, Commissioner David Waters, Chairman Commissioner Chris Weldon (arrived 6:25 p.m.) Chief Michael Lombardo, Deputy Chief Robert Crosby, Don Sauvigne (Public), Sarah Taffel (arrived for the Executive Session) and Claire Furano.

**MINUTES**

Commissioner Waters made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2011 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mason. Motion carried 2-0.

**DISCUSSION OF MONTHLY REPORTS**

Monthly reports were reviewed and discussed. Criminal Mischief numbers are up this month and it is attributed to the number of mailboxes that were vandalized. Domestic Violence calls for November 2011 are in line with November 2010. Overall YTD, Domestic Violence numbers are noticeably higher than the previous year. The number of Motor Vehicle Stops in November 2011 came in between the number of stops in November 2009 and November 2010. On December 27, 2011, Officer Edward Dolenk will have completed his field training. He will be patrolling on his own which will put an additional officer on the road.

The MAC Report was reviewed and discussed. It is self-explanatory.

**REPORT OF CHIEF LOMBARDO**

Chief Lombardo reported that Sgt. Tanner has been helping out on patrol to save on overtime. Officer Phillipson will be assisting Sgt. Tanner in preparing for Tier Two Accreditation. He will be attending a training program at the academy to prepare for the project. The Commission agreed that the benefits of obtaining Tier Two Accreditation,

which include enhancing the professionalism of the department and insurance liability benefits, outweigh the substantial effort that the Department must make to maintain accreditation.

Letters of thanks and jobs well done were reviewed.

- Sgt. Tunney received a note from a resident, thanking him for his assistance during the October storm.
- Letters from Chief Lombardo thanking residents for cake, pies and wine that were brought to the department over the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Chief Lombardo received notification of his nomination for a seat on the Human Services Council's Board of Directors.

The Wilton Police Department was awarded Honorable Mention for the 2010 CT Law Enforcement Challenge from DOT Highway Safety Office and received an award at the CPCA/DOT Law Enforcement Summit on December 15<sup>th</sup>.

Sgt. Kluk resigned from the Southwest Regional Emergency Response Team, which was acknowledged in writing by Chief Lombardo.

Chief Lombardo reported that Captain John Lynch has completed the requirements and graduated from the National FBI Academy. He will be returning to work in early January.

Tip-A-Cop was held at Outback on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Twelve hundred dollars was raised at the event for the Special Olympics.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Discussion on the Alcohol Ordinance:**

Chairman Commissioner Chris Weldon reported that he had met with Kevin O'Brien of the Parks and Recreation Commission. It was decided that the Parks and Recreation Commission will take initial steps to address the issues before the Police Commission decides whether it will get involved in changing the Alcohol Ordinance to address the concerns of last summer down at Merwin Meadows.

#### **Regional Dispatch:**

Chief Lombardo reported on the status of discussion of Regional Dispatch.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Consideration of request to reinstall cobra light fixture on CL&P Pole #2556 and to assess street lighting on the widened Route 7.

Commissioner Mason made a motion that the Wilton Police Commission, as the Traffic Authority for the Town of Wilton, recommend to DOT to reinstall the cobra light fixture on CL&P Pole #2556, which was removed during the Route 7 widening project, in order that the roadway between Routes 7 and 33 be as well lit as possible. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Weldon and it passed 3-0.

- B. Consideration of request to have DOT install warning signs of hidden drives northbound on Route 7 where roadway narrows to one lane by Zion's Hill United Methodist Church.

Chairman Commissioner Chris Weldon made a motion that the Wilton Police Commission, as the Traffic Authority for the Town of Wilton, recommend to DOT to install warning signs of hidden drives northbound on Route 7 where the road narrows to one lane, by Zion's Hill United Methodist Church. Commissioner David Waters seconded the motion. It passed 3-0.

### **REPORTS OF THE COMMISSIONERS**

Commission David Waters reported that the placement of the digital traffic calming device on School Road is in the right location and will make a difference.

Commissioner Mason suggested that Chief Lombardo look into purchasing portable speed trailers. The Chief will check on pricing and request brochures for the Commission to review.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 6:47 p.m., the meeting went into Executive Session to discuss ongoing Labor Negotiation Issues and FY'13 Budget Strategies. No action was taken in the Executive Session.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:40 p.m., the Commission came out of Executive Session and a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Mason, seconded by Commissioner Waters and passed 3-0.

Respectively submitted,

  
Claire Furano  
Recording Secretary