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Board of Police Commission Regular Meeting October 26, 2010

Chairman D'Errico called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

Present: Chairman D'Errico, Commissioners Lazaroff, McLoughlin, Monz, and Calafiore, Chief DiCarlo, and Deputy Chief McLoughlin.

Chairman D'Errico asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2010 regular meeting and executive session. A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Calafiore, second by Commissioner McLoughlin. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman D'Errico asked for a motion to approve the monthly reports for September. A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Monz, second by Commissioner Lazaroff. The motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. On behalf of the North Haven Police Department the Director of South Central Criminal Justice Administration thanked the Police Chiefs of Southington, Seymour, and Watertown for allowing members of their department to serve as panelists at an oral board examination for the positions of Sergeant and Lieutenant. The Police Chiefs from Southern Connecticut State University, East Hartford, and Clinton were thanked for allowing members of their department to serve as panelists at an oral board examination for the position of Captain.
2. A resident recognized the efforts of Officer Paul Cormier in aiding her with a situation involving a family member.
3. The Connecticut State Police D.A.R.E. Training Unit expressed gratitude for the professional and distinguished manner in which Officer Christopher Thorpe represented himself at D.A.R.E. training in August.
4. Officer Michael Compare received thanks and appreciation for his investigative skills and professionalism while investigating an incident which resulted in damage to the man's vehicle.

Commissioner Lazaroff read a letter dated September 9, 2010 that was sent to Richard Monico, Chairman of the Board of Finance. The letter requests that the Board of Finance consider reinstating two police officer positions which are currently frozen in this year's budget.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman D'Errico will speak at the Board of Finance Meeting on October 27th regarding the two police officer positions that are frozen. The Board of Finance will address this issue at their November Meeting.

Chief reported that patrol coverage has suffered and officers are being ordered in on a regular basis on Saturdays and Sundays. This sometimes results in an officer patrolling in a patrol car for sixteen hours.

Training, recertification and the holiday season will result in more shortages.

The School Resource Officer program has been suspended for two weeks to provide coverage for an injured supervisor in the Records Division. In-house assignments must be covered before special assignments.

Patrol coverage is assigned with voluntary and mandated overtime. Chief reported this is a costly way to cover patrol. Patrol coverage has suffered because there are fewer officers on the road. Chief said at this time there is no public safety issue.

Deputy Chief McLoughlin has reserved two seats at the police academy for February, 2011. If the two positions are reinstated the officers would be working on their own in late October, 2011.

The promotional list will be mailed out to the Commission.

The K-9 training has been extended for three days. K-9 Zeus is expected to graduate on Wednesday November 10, 2010. He will report to work with his handler, Officer Brennan, on November 11th.

CHIEF'S REPORT

The Firearms Instructors tested new handguns during firearm's training. They will give the Chief a written evaluation and recommendation on their choice of firearms to be purchased by the department. \$20,000.00 has been budgeted to replace 50 firearms. They are 12 years old and need to be replaced. The old firearms will be traded in and this will help with the cost.

Sick and injured on the job – Two supervisors are out injured and one supervisor is out after having surgery.

New Grievances – one.

Patrol – The traffic trailer has been at the high school and will be moved to the middle school tomorrow.

Detective Division – is working on several narcotics investigations. A rash of smash and grab burglaries are occurring in the early A.M. A task force has been formed and the department is working with area communities to solve these crimes.

Show and Sell took place at the high school on October 23, 2010. The department worked with Community Service and a local pharmacist on the drug take back program. Chief thanked Nancy Leddy for organizing the event and the Department of Consumer Protection for picking up and discarding the controlled substances. Sergeant Sordi monitored the activities and Detective Harton and Officer Compare manned a table.

Chief contacted the Department of Transportation about posting an advanced left hand turn on Broadway and Washington Avenue at the Fire Department. The request will not be on this year's agenda due to a lack of funding. A traffic study will be done in 2011 and implemented in 2012.

Training – training on use of force and taser updates is scheduled for November. In addition to providing training, Eric Daigle of the Daigle Law Group will critique the department's policies on use of force, taser, and tactical call out.

Chairman D'Errico asked for a motion to adjourn and move into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Commissioner McLoughlin made the motion, second by Commissioner Lazaroff. The motion passed unanimously. The time was 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Lazaroff, Secretary

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Executive Session
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Chairman D'Errico called the meeting to order at 8:12 PM.

Present: Chairman D'Errico, Commissioners Lazaroff, McLoughlin, Monz, and Calafiore, Chief DiCarlo, and Deputy Chief McLoughlin.

Personnel matters were discussed.

Chairman D'Errico asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Lazaroff made the motion, second by Commissioner Calafiore. The motion passed unanimously. The time was 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas McLoughlin, Deputy Chief of Police