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Board of Police Commission

Regular Meeting

November 22, 2011

Chairman D'Errico called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman D'Errico, Commissioner Lazaroff, Commissioner Calafiore, Chief McLoughlin and Deputy Chief Mulhern.

Absent: Commissioner Monz and Commissioner McLoughlin.

The first order of business was the approval of the minutes for the October 25, 2011 regular meeting and executive session. A motion to accept was made by Commissioner Calafiore, second by Commissioner Lazaroff. The motion passed unanimously.

The next order of business was the approval of the monthly reports for October. A motion to accept was made by Commissioner Lazaroff, second by Commissioner Calafiore. The motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Mr. and Mrs. Dave Golden made a contribution to the K9 program in the name of their dog that had passed.
2. Chief Daley of the Southington Police Department thanked Lieutenant Kevin Glenn for being a panelist on a recent sergeant promotional process.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman D'Errico reported that he is pleased with new monthly report style that Lieutenant Glenn has composed. Both the Chairman and Commissioner Lazaroff commented that reports are excellent and they commended Lieutenant Glenn for a job well done.

Chairman D'Errico commented that the budget is at 33% and that he was working with the Chief and Deputy to get clarity regarding a few line items. Additionally, all the line painting funds have been expended.

The monthly training was highlighted and discussed. The training classes consisted of required database certifications, officer safety seminar and Freedom of Information requirements.

The Chairman also reminded the community to be aware of their surroundings and be safe during the holiday shopping season.

Commissioner Lazaroff also advised that a blue "police department" sign on Elm Street is still present and may conflict with recent closure of pass-through traffic to rear of police department. Chief and Deputy Chief commented that some parking on the west side of the building is available and accessible from the Library, thus the sign was left posted.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief wished the public a happy and safe holiday season. He also encouraged those shopping during this busy time to be aware of their surroundings, lock vehicles and report any suspicious activity. Patrols will be in the shopping districts.

Walter T. Berniere Scholarship Fundraiser was a success and the Chief thanked the Commissioners as well as recognizing Sergeant Michael Mahon, Sergeant Robert DePalma and Detective Mark Iannone for their efforts.

The Chief reported that the transition over to the new Glock handguns is nearing completion.

New prison-grade enclosed mattresses were purchased in response to feedback from patrol sergeants seeking to limit unnecessary hospital visits by prisoners. The Chief and Deputy Chief explained that a percentage of prisoners, when uncomfortable, will report fictitious ailments to seek more comfortable accommodations such as a hospital bed. This results in the assignment of an officer to guard the prisoner and this often results in the expenditure of overtime. It is believed that the approximately \$300.00 mattress purchase has already yielded cost benefits last weekend.

Chief stated that the two new recruits are about 7 weeks away from academy graduation.

The police contract talks are ongoing and pushing forward.

The Chief commented that an overcharge to the heating account in the budget was appropriately changed but was not reflected in the report provided to the Commissioners. The Chief also explained the use of doctor fees in the budget as they relate to the necessary examinations for new hires.

A reimbursement related to the SRO was made and received from the Board of Education.

Chief is hoping to have wireless internet access available in the department training room shortly.

The Chief reported that Officer Brennan and his K9 partner "Zeus" had performed a narcotic detection demonstration at the High School during lunch breaks. He commented that it was great awareness and also a good deterrent for the students.

Chief presented requests from Officer Hannon and Detective Guidone for reimbursement pursuant to the Walter T. Berniere Scholarship for undergraduate classes completed. Motion made by Commissioner Lazaroff, second by Commissioner Calafiore. The motion passed unanimously.

Due to two new families with children on Bayard Avenue, a request was made for a "Slow Children Playing Sign". Chief agreed because of the curved nature of that part of the roadway and the lack of sidewalks. Chief also informed that on Fitch Street approaching Spring Road, the trees tend to block stop sign and due to the heavy school bus traffic, he requests the permanent installation of a "Stop Ahead" warning sign. Both sign installations were approved.

The Chief will provide the commission a copy of the letter he sent to Planning and Zoning relative to a proposed development off of Patten Road. The Chief had concerns with the road design as it related to intersecting with Patten Road. The Chairman would like the commission to review the submitted plans.

Chairman D'Errico asked for a motion to adjourn and move into executive session to discuss personnel matters. The motion was made by Commissioner Lazaroff, second by Commissioner Calafiore. The motion passed unanimously. The time was 7:54 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 8:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman D'Errico, Commissioner Lazaroff, Commissioner Calafiore, Chief McLoughlin and Deputy Chief Mulhern.

Absent: Commission Monz and Commissioner McLoughlin.

Personnel matters were discussed.

Chairman D'Errico asked for a motion to adjourn executive session. Commissioner Calafiore made motion and second by Commissioner Lazaroff. The time was 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan R. Mulhern, Deputy Chief of Police