

Board of Police Commission
Regular Meeting
Chairman Paul D. Abercrombie Police Commission
And Training Room 2nd Floor
October 27, 2015 7:00 p.m.

Chairman D'Errico called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Joseph F. D'Errico, Commissioners Larry Lazaroff, Marc Calafiore, and Walt Spader, Chief Thomas McLoughlin and Deputy Chief Jonathan Mulhern

Absent: Commissioner Dave Monz

The first order of business was the approval of the minutes from the September 22, 2015 meeting both Regular and Executive sessions.

Commissioner Lazaroff made the motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Spader seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor.

The next order of business was to approve the minutes from the September 29, 2015 Special meeting.

Commissioner Calafiore made the motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Lazaroff seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor.

Chairman D'Errico asked for a motion to approve the monthly reports for September 2015.

The motion to approve the monthly reports was made by Commissioner Calafiore; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Spader. There was no further discussion. All were in favor.

Chairman's Report

Old Business: Chairman reported there was no old business.

New Business: Chairman asked Chief to conduct radar on Hartford Turnpike, Nettleton Avenue, and Bassett Road. Chief said he would advise patrol to run radar in these locations.

Correspondence

Two letters were received from Charles Sherwood of the South Central Criminal Justice Administration thanking Officer Val Queiroga and Lt. Kevin Glenn for their recent participation in oral board testing.

A letter of thanks was received from a resident acknowledging Officers Ralph Rienzo, and Anthony Pacileo for their professionalism and compassion during a recent incident involving an untimely death in the family.

Chiefs Report

Chief reminds residents that Halloween is this coming Saturday, and stated that being it is not a school night children may be out later than usual. Chief asked residents to reduce their speed, and drive with caution. Chief also reminds parents to be sure their children are wearing visible clothing, or carry a flashlight of some kind.

The Trunk or Treat was held at the High School on October 24th. Chief thanked his clerical staff for representing the department. The Police Union and the PBA donated the candy which the clerical staff gave to the children from the trunk of a police cruiser. Chief said it was a good turnout.

There were two recent arrests for cars being entered at night. Chief reminded residents to lock their vehicles at night. Even with the two arrests, vehicles were still being broken in to the following night in the same neighborhood.

Congratulations to Sgt. Antonio DePascale and Officer Marcus Artaiz who were both recently given citations from the Umbrella Center for Domestic Violence for their participation throughout the year. The ceremony was held recently on Long Wharf Pier.

Chief said the budget is in good shape, and there have been no unexpected expenditures. Chief told the Board that the Budget workshop for 2016 is on February 17th 2016, and he asked the commission if they have anything to add or detract from current budget to please give their request to him by the next Board of Police Commission meeting in order to have justification ready to present to the Board of Finance.

Chief provided members of the Board a copy of the town parking ordinance. During last month's meeting there was discussion of an upcoming issue with street parking of oversized vehicles. Chief said that the Board of Police Commission is the sole traffic authority for the town and they have the authority to provide regulations regarding parking restrictions for oversize vehicles. Chairman D'Errico asked if the board decides to restrict parking, are they required to put up "no parking signs". Chief explained that would not be necessary, as long as they give notice on the town web page, police department webpage, or the local newspaper to notify the public of any changes. Commissioner Spader said a sign is not required for every decision that they make. Chief said the town attorney will craft up some language regarding this issue and have it ready for the next commission meeting.

Information Services

ISD had a very busy month as provided in the detailed report by Lt. Kevin Glenn.

Training

The two police recruits currently at the Academy are doing well and will be graduating on December 16th.

On October 21, all town department heads participated in the annual statewide emergency exercise held at police headquarters. Each department in town plays an active role in the event of an emergency. Initially it was thought that the new fire headquarters would house the EOC (Emergency Operations Center) however, they do not have the capacity to hold it there. Therefore, the EOC will be maintained at the police department. Chief reports the training went well, but some deficiencies were identified and some improvements are needed at police headquarters, such as additional phone lines, data ports, and monitors. These changes are necessary to maintain sufficient emergency services.

Regarding earlier discussions about long term building needs, Chief said he will have an engineer or an architect inspect the building to find out exactly what needs to be done structurally. Chief said Finance is on board with having a professional assessment for a complete detailed list of repairs that have to be done.

Chief reminds all residents to enroll in the CT ALERT program. It is a free service that will notify the public should an emergency event arise that residents need to be made aware of. These notifications can be through email, text, or landline calls. It is a free service and Chief encourages everyone to enroll. The website is: ctalert.gov

Chairman D'Errico asked about the Supernumerary program. Chief explained that the Supernumerary program has been looked at and talked about in the past, and said that he embraces the program. Chief said the discussion of fine tuning it would be best for Executive Session. Changes cannot be discussed in regular session because the program is subject to negotiations.

Chairman D'Errico asked that the updated Table of Organization have the date inserted so that it will show when the Board authorized the changes.

Walter T. Berniere Scholarship:

There were no requests this month.

Support Services

Patrol has been relatively quiet as far as major incidents. Cars are still being entered at night. Chief again, reminds residents to lock your vehicles.

Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn to move to executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. The motion was made by commissioner Calafiore. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Spader. All were in favor. The time was 7:30 pm.

At 7:33 p.m. Executive Session was called to order by Chairman D'Errico.

At 8:30 Commissioner Spader made the motion to exit Executive session and reconvene to Regular session for voting purposes.

At 8:32 p.m. pm the Board reconvened to regular session for the purpose of voting. Commissioner Calafiore made the motion to implement and move forward with the Supernumerary program, subject to negotiations between the town attorney and the police union. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lazaroff. There was no further discussion. All were in favor.

Chairman D'Errico asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Lazaroff and seconded by commissioner Calafiore. All were in favor. The time was 8:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Larry Lazaroff, Secretary

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Personnel matters were discussed.

At 8:30 pm Commissioner Spader made the motion to adjourn and reconvene to regular session for voting purposes.

The motion to adjourn was seconded by Commissioner Calafiore. All were in favor.

The time was 8:31 p.m.