

Town of Monroe



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BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS Monroe, Connecticut

Regular Meeting Minutes January 20, 2016

The Monroe Board of Police Commissioners held a Regular Meeting on January 20, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. in the Training Room of the Monroe Police Department.

Present: Chairman Ronald Villani
Commissioner Gary Scrofani
Commissioner James Bresnahan
Commissioner Edward Deak

Also Present: Chief John L. Salvatore
Captain Keith White

ROLL CALL

Chairman Villani opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. and noted that all *Board* members were present this evening. He advised the *Board* that he had been informed that Mr. William Florin, who was present this evening, would be appointed as the fifth member of the *Board of Police Commissioners* at the *Town Council* meeting scheduled for Monday, January 25, 2016.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the December 16, 2016 Regular Meeting were approved by *unanimous consent*.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no Public Participation this evening.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chief Salvatore was in receipt of an email from an Easton resident whose sister-in-law was recently involved in a motor vehicle accident. She wanted to thank and compliment *Officers Christopher Silkman* and *Brooke Larsen* for their professionalism and the calming way they treated the six children in the car.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Staffing: *Chief Salvatore* stated that recent Police Academy graduate *Officer Joshua Paille* has been activated by the Department of Defense to join his Army National Guard Unit in Kuwait. His deployment is presently scheduled for 333 days.

Training: *Chairman Villani* asked whether the Narcan training was complete. *Chief Salvatore* stated that all officers have been trained. The *Department* has opted for the nasal application rather than the injection style.

Chairman Villani asked about Stations Day practical training. *Chief Salvatore* explained that the Police Academy conducts practical skills training, and officers from departments having recruits in attendance are asked to participate and assist instructors.

Activities and Program Measures: *Commissioner Bresnahan* asked when weapons are confiscated from a house during a domestic incident. *Captain White* explained that a court date is set for the next available day after a domestic violence arrest. At the arraignment on that date, usually a protective order is issued, and one of the conditions of that protective order would be for all weapons to be surrendered. If it is known there are weapons on the property, officers can ask for weapons surrender compliance at the time of the arrest.

Commissioner Bresnahan asked whether there has been an increase in female pistol permit applicants. *Captain White* stated that *Detectives* have noticed an increase in recent months.

Mr. Florin commented on an article he had read regarding the significant increase in DUIs over the last year and asked the *Chief* to what he attributed this. *Chief Salvatore* stated that the *Department* has a younger patrol force now. Also staffing was down last year. Many of the recent arrests during the holidays are a result of the extra patrols added due to state grant money received.

COMMISSIONER'S FORUM

Commissioner Deak asked about the status of funding for body cameras. *Chief Salvatore* reported that \$15 million is supposed to be set aside by the state for application by municipal police departments for reimbursement of the purchase of body camera systems. The process for applying has not yet been developed. The law itself and POSTC requirements are very confusing and stringent, especially regarding record retention. There are also questions regarding the best way to store the massive amount of data that will be retrieved from the cameras and who will be responsible for that storage, as well as a mechanism for redaction. *Commissioner Deak* asked for this item to be included on future agendas under Old Business.

BUDGET

A. Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

Chief Salvatore stated that there are no major concerns at this time, except for the Overtime Account, reminding the *Board* that this account was cut by \$25,000 from last year by the *First Selectman, Town Council and Board of Finance*.

B. Fiscal Year 2016-2017 (Proposed).

Chief Salvatore reported that he had met with the *First Selectman and Director of Finance* last week regarding the *Department's* budget proposal. They had no significant questions. The proposal submitted did include four new vehicles.

OLD BUSINESS

There was discussion regarding the request at the last *Board* meeting by Ms. Susan Waters to place bicycle safety signs in various locations in Town. *Captain White* reported that the sign Ms. Waters showed the *Board* is not approved or recognized by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). It may not be displayed as a stand-alone sign or below such traffic control signs as stop or speed limit signs. It could be considered a sub-advisory sign and then displayed below an advisory bike route sign. *Captain White* will have an update and/or proposal at a future *Board* meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business to discuss this evening.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the Regular Meeting was adjourned by *unanimous consent* at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra A. Stochmal

Sandra A. Stochmal, Recording Secretary
Board of Police Commissioners

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Attachment

**TOWN OF MONROE
POLICE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE
CHIEF OF POLICE**

TO: Board of Police Commissioners
FROM: Chief John L. Salvatore
SUBJECT: December 2015 Monthly Report
DATE: January 20, 2016

ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAM MEASURES:

In December the Detective Division received 32 cases from Patrol and initiated another 25 investigations. Four cases were cleared by arrest, and 27 were closed by other means (civil matter, restitution, considered inactive, assist other jurisdiction, etc.). Eleven arrest warrant applications were submitted to court, and six warrants were served; no FTA (Failure to Appear) or Violation of Probation warrants were served by Detectives. Two search and seizure warrants were issued and executed during the month. Twelve pistol permits were initiated and two other background inquiries were conducted. Six Ex-Parte Orders were executed for the month.

The Youth Unit received one juvenile case from Patrol and generated another four investigations.

The Patrol Division logged 32 individual criminal charges during December. Patrol officers issued 90 motor vehicle infractions, 72 written warnings, 15 misdemeanor motor vehicle summonses (e.g. suspended operator's license and no insurance coverage), made 13 DUI arrests and issued one parking ticket.

Patrol Division officers responded to eight Domestic/Family Violence incidents in December, resulting in four arrests.

Prisoner Watch: Personnel performed 41.75 hours of prisoner watch for the month.

COMPUTER FORENSICS:

External Agency Examinations:

- Assist DEA with examination of two computers concerning a narcotics investigation. *Status:* In Process. (Reported last month; awaiting software update.)
- Assist Bridgeport Police with examination of one cell phone concerning a murder investigation. *Status:* Completed.
- Assist Trumbull Police with examination of multiple computers concerning breach of peace and false report investigation. *Status:* Completed.

- Assist Fairfield Police with examination of three cell phones concerning a narcotics investigation. *Status:* Completed.

Internal (MPD) Examinations:

- None.

TRAFFIC SAFETY:

Patrol Division officers were assigned to 76 Directed Traffic Details in response to citizen concerns and identified problem locations and offenses.

MONTHLY STATISTICS REPORT OF CALLS FOR SERVICE AND ACTIVITY:

Update will be presented at meeting.

PROJECTS:

The workload assessment/DDACTS resource allocation project remains suspended pending town-wide GIS project completion. However, Lieutenant Kevin McKellick conducted additional research with area police officials concerning methodology used for collection of data and application of deployment alternatives.

COMMUNITY SERVICES:

In December the Department conducted a holiday toy collection, with a drop off box located in the main lobby of headquarters. Many toys were donated by the community and delivered to St. Vincent Medical Center's Special Needs section for distribution to children who are hospital clients throughout the year.

There were four child safety seat installation/inspections during the month of December.

TRAINING:

On December 8, seven officers attended NCIC/COLLECT Recertification training by a Connecticut COLLECT Unit instructor, which was hosted at the Monroe Police Department.

On December 9, Officer Amanda Sears attended **Effective Police Interactions with Youth**, presented by the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management and the Connecticut Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee at the Courtyard Marriott in Cromwell.

On December 7 - 8, Lieutenant Kevin McKellick and Sergeant Stephen Corrone attended the **Inter-Agency Crisis Communications Seminar** presented by the Justice System Training and Research Institute of Roger Williams University and sponsored by the Connecticut Division of

Emergency Management and Homeland Security--Region One at the Greenwich Police Department.

On December 14 - 18, Officer Omar Wahib attended **High Visibility Traffic Enforcement** presented by the Connecticut Highway Safety Office at the Connecticut Police Academy in Meriden.

Sworn personnel completed **Narcan (Naloxone)** training presented by an instructor from the Trumbull Police Department. The Department has acquired this lifesaving drug for opiate overdoses and will be deploying it in the near future.

Members of the Southwest Regional Emergency Response Team (SWRERT) and personnel assigned to the Trumbull- Monroe Dive Team conducted monthly training with these regional teams.

Monroe Police Canine teams participated in regular monthly training with their counterparts in the region.

On December 1, Officer John McAulay assisted Connecticut Police Academy instructors with Patrol Rifle training for recruit trainees.

On December 3, Officer Brooke Larsen assisted Connecticut Police Academy instructors with Stations Day practical training of recruit trainees.

STAFFING:

On October 23, Trainee Michael DeCarli began basic training at the Milford Police Academy, and trainee Michael Phillips began his basic training at the Connecticut Police Academy in Meriden on December 31.

Recent basic academy graduate Paul Mastrony is progressing through the Department's Field Training Program with field training officers (FTO), while his fellow December 16th academy graduate, Joshua Paille, interrupted his pre-probationary training due to his military activation by the Department of Defense in early January to join his Army National Guard Unit already deployed in the Middle East. Officer Paille is a commissioned officer and helicopter pilot with the National Guard.

Recently hired dispatcher trainee Clark Gingras continues orientation and in-house training and will be attending the mandated state telecommunicator instruction in January.

Detective Kelly McFarland remains on extended non-duty injury related medical leave.

Officer Andrew Wall remains on non-duty related extended medical leave.

EVENTS OF INTEREST:

This 2015 Holiday Season, the Department conducted a number of additional selective traffic patrols during the Thanksgiving/Christmas/New Year enforcement period of November 19, 2015 through January 1, 2016. This project, funded with overtime reimbursed by the state Highway Safety Office, allowed the Department to schedule 60 shifts on 33 different days, primarily directed at motor vehicle violators operating under the influence. These officers yielded 12 DUI offenders, six suspended operators and two drug arrests, along with additional minor motor vehicle offenses. The program recouped \$12,786 of the \$17,048 expended during the enforcement period.