

Town of Monroe



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BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS Monroe, Connecticut

Regular Meeting

Minutes

April 20, 2016

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

Present: Chairman Ronald Villani
Commissioner James Bresnahan
Commissioner Edward Deak

Absent: Commissioner Gary Scrofani
Commissioner William Florin

Also Present: Chief John L. Salvatore
Captain Keith White

ROLL CALL

Chairman Villani opened the meeting at 7:35 p.m. and noted that all *Board* members were present this evening, except *Commissioners Scrofani* and *Florin*, who were away on business.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the March 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 a letter received April 14, 2016 from Chief James Viadero of the Newtown Police Department thanking *Officer Jeffrey Loomis* and *K9 Gunner* for their tracking assistance during the search for an elderly male who had wandered from his home, stating that "their efforts were instrumental in a successful resolution."

CHIEF'S REPORT

Training: *Commissioner Bresnahan* asked about the Technology Pitfalls for Law Enforcement training. *Chief Salvatore* stated that basically the course covers department policies, the potential liability for a department due to employee postings of inappropriate pictures, etc., on their own personal websites or pages and other dangers associated with social media.

Event of Interest: *Chairman Villani* asked about PRAWN warrants. *Chief Salvatore* stated that basically, it is a warrant for Failure to Appear. PRAWN stands for Paperless Re-Arrest Warrant Network.

Activities and Program Measures, Computer Forensics: *Chief Salvatore* reported that with regard to the DEA assist, *Detective Michael Chaves'* role has been stepped-up with regard to cell phone investigations, and because of this, he will be attending an eight-day specialized training school, funded by the Justice Department, which includes approximately \$5,000 in software for the *Department*.

Staffing: *Commissioner Bresnahan* asked about *Officer Diaz's* medical leave. *Chief Salvatore* stated that this concerned a different matter and was not related to her previous medical leave.

There was some discussion regarding the increase in the number of applications received during this hiring process, and it was noted that these applicants must pass the written and physical tests before submitting their application. *Chief Salvatore* reported that *Officer Justin Desiderato* and *Officer Nicholas Franzago* recently participated in two job fairs--one at Housatonic Community College and one at the University of New Haven--where they had a table set up displaying information regarding the *Department*. *Captain White* reported that the number of applications received for the open dispatch position has also increased significantly. The *Chief* will keep the *Board* apprised as to when they should anticipate setting a date for their interviews of potential police officer candidates.

Chief Salvatore stated that after last month's meeting, the purchase of the retirement gift for *Captain Michael Flick* was discussed, and it was agreed that it would be funded out of the *Department's* Emergency Fund and Schooling Account. The *Board* agreed that this was the consensus, and it is so noted for the record.

COMMISSIONER'S FORUM

Chairman Villani commented on the amount of poor drivers on the roads, especially ones who do not use turn signals or stop for stop signs. There was some discussion regarding traffic enforcement. *Chief Salvatore* stated he recently was looking over traffic stop statistics for the state and reported that Monroe is one of the leaders per capita for motor vehicle enforcement. He also reported that the *Department* is currently participating in another distracted driving campaign, as well as one for driving under the influence. There also was discussion regarding the newer speed indicator devices available versus the older speed trailers the *Department* uses.

BUDGET

A. Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

Chief Salvatore stated that there are no major concerns at this time; however, he noted that the Overtime Account will most likely be in the red after the next payroll. Vacancies, medical leaves and mandatory training will be the main contributors to the overage.

There was discussion regarding the Range on Garder Road. *Chief Salvatore* stated that since the Sandy Hook School tragedy, the use of the range by outside police departments has been reduced significantly.

B. Fiscal Year 2016-2017 (Proposed).

The 2016-2017 Town budget proposal passed at the April 4, 2016 referendum.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Update Regarding Body Cameras.

Chief Salvatore reported that the bill for additional funds to be appropriated for storage did not pass. The Connecticut Police Chiefs Association is holding their annual exposition tomorrow, and several body camera vendors should be in attendance. *Lieutenant Kevin McKellick* will be going with the *Chief* and will be talking with various vendors. *Chief Salvatore* stated that he will continue to keep the *Board* updated on any developments.

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 8:07 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: March 2016 Monthly Report
DATE: April 20, 2016

ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAM MEASURES:

In March the Detective Division received 27 cases from Patrol and initiated another 19 investigations. Three cases were cleared by arrest, and 16 were closed by other means (civil matter, restitution, considered inactive, assist other jurisdiction, etc.). Nine arrest warrant applications were submitted to court, and seven warrants were served; two FTA (Failure to Appear) or Violation of Probation warrants also were served by Detectives. One search and seizure warrant was issued and executed during the month. Twenty-one pistol permits were initiated, and nine background inquiries were conducted. No Ex-Parte Orders were executed for the month.

The Youth Unit received nine juvenile cases from Patrol and generated another seven investigations.

The Patrol Division logged 24 individual criminal charges during March. Patrol officers issued 99 motor vehicle infractions, 63 written warnings, 19 misdemeanor motor vehicle summonses (e.g. suspended operator's license and no insurance coverage), one marijuana infraction, no parking tickets and made four DUI arrests.

Patrol Division officers responded to 16 Domestic/Family Violence incidents in March, resulting in five arrests.

Prisoner Watch: Personnel performed 102.75 hours of prisoner watch for the month.

COMPUTER FORENSICS:

External Agency Examinations:

- Assist DEA with examination of multiple cell phones concerning heroin overdose investigations. *Status:* Completed.
- Assist Trumbull Police with examination of a cell phone concerning a motor vehicle fatality investigation. *Status:* Completed.

- Assist Bridgeport Police with examination of one cell phone concerning a murder investigation. *Status:* Completed.
- Assist Bridgeport Police with examination of multiple media items concerning a voyeurism investigation. *Status:* Completed.
- Assist Bridgeport Police with examination of one cell phone concerning a sexual assault investigation. *Status:* Completed.

Internal (MPD) Examinations:

- As part of a CTFCTF (CT Financial Crimes Task Force) investigation, examine multiple digital devices concerning an embezzling case. *Status:* In process.

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.

COMMUNITY SERVICES:

There were two child safety seat installations/inspections during the month of March.

TRAINING:

On March 7 - 18 Officers Todd Keeping and Amanda Sears attended **At Scene Traffic Crash Investigation**, presented by IPTM at the Connecticut Police Academy in Meriden.

On March 7 - 11 Officer Ryan Proulx attended **High Visibility Traffic Enforcement**, presented by the staff of the Connecticut Highway Safety Office at the Connecticut Police Academy in Meriden.

On March 11 - 14 Sergeant Peter Howard attended **Emergency Medical Technician Recertification** training, presented by Trumbull EMS.

Each Monday, beginning March 14 through May, Detective Matthew Muccioli is attending **State's Attorney Legal Training**, presented by Judges Patrick Clifford and David Gold.

On March 14 - 18 Sergeant Helio Ramalhete attended **First Line Supervision** training, presented by POST Council instructor Tim Coons at the Connecticut Police Academy in Meriden.

On March 22 - 24 three personnel attended **Emergency Medical Responder Recertification** training at the Waterbury Police Department.

On March 28 Lieutenant Kevin McKellick attended **Technology Pitfalls for Law Enforcement** training, presented by Attorney Eric Daigle at the Connecticut Police Academy in Meriden.

On March 31 the Department hosted a **NCIC/COLLECT Recertification** training session attended by eight Department members and four officers from the Greenwich and Norwalk Police Departments.

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

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

STAFFING:

On October 23, Officer Trainee Michael DeCarli began basic training at the Milford Police Academy and is due to graduate in late May. Officer Trainee Michael Phillips began his basic training at the Connecticut Police Academy in Meriden on December 31. The police officer selection process to fill recent patrol officer vacancies is well underway, with over 149 initial qualified applicants. Interviews for the top 20 candidates with the highest written examination score are scheduled for April 19 and 21.

December 16th Academy graduate Joshua Paille remains on deployment to the Middle East with his Army National Guard Unit.

The process to fill the most recent dispatcher vacancy is underway.

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

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

Officer Marissa Diaz is on extended, non-duty-related medical leave.

EVENT OF INTEREST:

On March 21, 2016 at 1502 hours, officers responded to Honey Tree Daycare at 401 Monroe Turnpike for a stalking complaint. The complainant stated a male was parked in the rear parking lot of the daycare. She recognized the van as belonging to a person she has a protective order against for stalking her and her children in the past. The vehicle was gone when the officers arrived on scene. They checked the surrounding areas and notified neighboring departments. Two hours later, the party was found by the Bridgeport Police Department. He was arrested and charged with violation of C.G.S. §53a-223, Criminal Violation of a Protective Order and C.G.S. §53a-181c, Stalking 1st Degree. He also had a PRAWN warrant for Failure to Appear 2nd stemming from the first time this Department arrested him for stalking. Bond was set at \$100,000. He was unable to post bail and was transported to court on March 22, 2016.