

# Town of Monroe



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## BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS Monroe, Connecticut

### Regular Meeting Minutes September 21, 2016

The Monroe Board of Police Commissioners held a Regular Meeting on September 21, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. in the Training Room of the Monroe Police Department.

Present: Chairman Ronald Villani  
Commissioner James Bresnahan  
Commissioner William Florin  
Commissioner Gary Scrofani

Absent: Commissioner Edward Deak

Also Present: Chief John L. Salvatore  
Captain Keith White

### ROLL CALL

*Chairman Villani* opened the meeting at 7:32 p.m. and noted that all *Board* members were present this evening, except *Commissioner Deak*.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the August 17, 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 note from Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Carbone thanking officers for their assistance during a recent serious motor vehicle accident in which they were involved. They also made a donation to the Department.

*Chief Salvatore* also was in receipt of a letter dated September 2, 2016, which included a \$200 donation, from Anodic, Inc., thanking the *Department* for its quick resolution of a recent larceny on their property.

*Chief Salvatore* reported to the *Board* that because of all the recent work *Detective Michael Chaves* has been doing for the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration concerning heroin/fentanyl overdose death investigations, they have provided the *Department* with approximately \$6,000 worth of computer forensics hardware.

## **CHIEF'S REPORT**

*Commissioner Bresnahan* asked how much marijuana someone must have in their possession to receive an infraction. *Chief Salvatore* stated that less than half an ounce is an infraction, between half an ounce and 4 ounces is a misdemeanor and over 4 ounces is a felony.

*Commissioner Bresnahan* asked about the 29 pistol permit applications received last month, which seemed like a significant increase from last month. *Captain White* stated that usually spikes can be attributed to the political climate of the country at the time.

*Commissioner Scrofani* asked about the term "wax folds." *Captain White* stated that this refers to the small packets used to hold heroin.

## **COMMISSIONER'S FORUM**

*Commissioner Scrofani* asked whether any of the schools are used for police training. *Chief Salvatore* stated that regional Crisis Negotiator Team training was held at Chalk Hill School yesterday. The Southwest Regional Emergency Response Team will be using it next week to conduct their annual basic SWAT School for potential new Team members.

*Commissioner Florin* asked about the increase in motor vehicle stops from last month. *Chief Salvatore* reported that both Distracted Driving and Driving Under the Influence Enforcement campaigns have been on-going through the summer months.

## **BUDGET**

### A. Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

*Chief Salvatore* reported no issues with the budget.

*Chief Salvatore* also reported that *Officer Joshua Paille* will begin field training on September 23rd.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### A. Update Regarding Body Cameras.

*Captain White* reported that the test of the Taser body cameras went very well. He also reported that so far, Evidence.com seems to be the way to go for storing, editing and redacting the videos. Another company is sending cameras for testing by *Department* staff. The same three officers will be using these cameras for comparison.

### B. Update Regarding Department Renovation Project.

*Chairman Villani* reported that there is still \$96,000 in retainer left. One item still has not been provided by Dolphin Construction company--a set of original plans and operating manuals redlined to reflect all change orders implemented during the course of the project. It seems that this item is not available. The architect is being asked to provide an estimate to prepare a duplicate of the redlined plans, the cost of which would be paid by Dolphin Construction.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no New Business to address 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 8:10 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:** August 2016 Monthly Report  
**DATE:** September 21, 2016

**ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAM MEASURES:**

In August the Detective Division received 24 cases from Patrol and initiated another 15 investigations. Three cases were cleared by arrest, and 20 were closed by other means (civil matter, restitution, considered inactive, assist other jurisdiction, etc.). Four arrest warrant applications were submitted to court, and five warrants were served; four FTA (Failure to Appear) or Violation of Probation warrants were served by Detectives. No search and seizure warrants were issued or executed during the month. Twenty-nine pistol permits were initiated and three background inquiries were conducted. No Ex-Parte Orders were executed for the month.

The Patrol Division recorded 20 individual criminal charges during August. Patrol officers issued 187 motor vehicle infractions, 91 written warnings, 12 misdemeanor motor vehicle summonses (e.g. suspended operator's license and no insurance coverage), five marijuana infractions, 37 parking tickets and made eight DUI arrests.

Patrol Division officers responded to 12 Domestic/Family Violence incidents in August, resulting in three arrests, the same as in July.

Prisoner Watch: Personnel performed 68.25 hours of prisoner watch for the month.

**COMPUTER FORENSICS:**

External Agency Examinations:

- Assist DEA with examination of 11 cell phones concerning six narcotic overdose investigations. *Status:* Six completed, five in evidence.
- Assist Bridgeport Police with examination of a cell phone concerning a narcotics investigation. *Status:* Completed.
- Assist Trumbull Police with examination of a cell phone concerning an overdose investigation. *Status:* Completed.

- Assist Trumbull Police with examination of three data devices concerning a narcotics investigation. *Status:* Completed.
- Assist Bridgeport Police with examination of a cell phone concerning a murder investigation. *Status:* Completed.

Internal (MPD) Examinations:

- Examine multiple data devices concerning a CT Financial Crimes Task Force (CTFCTF) investigation. *Status:* In evidence.

TRAFFIC SAFETY:

Patrol Division officers were assigned to 125 Directed Traffic Details in response to citizen concerns and identified problem locations and offenses. Many of the traffic details were special patrols funded by highway safety grants for DUI and Distracted Driving enforcement.

MONTHLY STATISTICS REPORT OF CALLS FOR SERVICE AND ACTIVITY:

**Update will be presented at meeting.**

PROJECTS:

The strategic planning committee should complete its report by October, and it will be presented to the Board of Police Commissioners for review.

COMMUNITY SERVICES:

The fifth annual National Night Out was held at Wolfe Park on August 2nd, with participation by a number of town and regional organizations partnering with the Police Department to make this a successful, family fun and informational event, once again.

There were five child safety seat installations/inspections during the month of August.

TRAINING:

On August 1 - 5 Officers Karen O'Donnell, John McAulay and Justin Desiderato attended **CIT (Crisis Intervention Training)** presented by CABLE (Connecticut Alliance to Benefit Law Enforcement) at Western Connecticut State University.

On August 10 - 17 Officers Karen O'Donnell and Michael Panza attended **Basic School Resource Officer Training**, presented by Spector Training Group at the Wethersfield Police Department. Both officers then followed up on August 18-19 with **Lesson Plan Developments for SROs**, presented by the same instructional group and at the same venue.

On August 17 - 19 Officer Justin Desiderato attended **EMR Recertification Training** hosted at the Waterbury Police Department.

Department officers assigned to the regional team attended monthly training for the Southwest Regional Emergency Response Team (SWRERT). Department 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.

Newly hired police trainees Michael Thompson and Matthew Johnston are continuing their basic training, which began on July 1 at the Connecticut Police Academy in Meriden.

Department staff completed **Sexual Harassment in the Workplace** training, and managers completed **Sexual Harassment for Managers**, offered by CIRMA through an on-line course during the month of August.

### **STAFFING:**

Officer Michael DeCarli completed the final phase of his field training program on August 15 and is now assigned to solo patrol. Officer Michael Phillips is presently in the third phase of his field training.

December 16th academy graduate Joshua Paille, who interrupted his pre-probationary training for military activation with his Army National Guard Unit, returned from his deployment in Afghanistan as a commissioned officer and helicopter pilot with the Connecticut National Guard and is awaiting release from the Department of Defense. He is expected to resume field training at the police department within a month.

Candidate Edwin Rivera begin work/training as a full-time dispatcher on August 15.

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

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

Officer John McAulay participated in Army Reserve duty on August 15, 16, 23 and 24.

Sergeant Gregory Smith underwent surgery for a work-related injury on August 11 and is expected to return to duty in mid-September.

### **EVENTS OF INTEREST:**

On June 16, 2016, Patrol Officers responded to an apparent drug overdose at a local residence. A 32 year old female was found unresponsive and was treated by officers and EMS personnel

before being declared deceased. The investigation determined the victim consumed heroin, which caused her death. Several empty wax folds with powdery residue, and one fold with heroin, were found at the scene. This case was then referred to the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) Tactical Diversion Squad, which assisted Monroe and Waterbury Police with the investigation to identify heroin sellers distributing the drug and then prosecute them in the federal judicial system.

On August 22, 2016, James Hayes, age 32, of Waterbury was arrested by the task force for Possession with Intent to Distribute and Distribution of Heroin and Conspiracy to Distribute Heroin. He appeared before a U.S. Magistrate Judge and was ordered detained. The charges carry a maximum term of 20 years imprisonment on each count.

The DEA Tactical Diversion Squad task force includes Detective Michael Chaves and targets narcotics dealers distributing heroin, fentanyl and opiates, which all cause death or serious injury to users.