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Regular Meeting Minutes October 19, 2016

The Monroe Board of Police Commissioners held a Regular Meeting on October 19, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. in the Training Room of the Monroe Police Department.

Present: Chairman Ronald Villani
Commissioner Edward Deak
Commissioner William Florin
Commissioner Gary Scrofani

Absent: Commissioner Jim Bresnahan

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, except *Commissioner Bresnahan*, who was out of town.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the September 21, 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 from the Save Our Stepney Task Force, dated October 7, 2016, requesting the closing of Pepper Street from Route 25 to Green Street for the "Spirits of Stepney Graveside Lantern Light Tour" on October 28 and October 30. *Lieutenant Rosalie Stuart* is waiting to hear from them as to how many people they are expecting and whether or not the event will go forward. This item is to be addressed under New Business this evening. It was suggested that the wording of the motion indicate "should this event be held."

CHIEF'S REPORT

Activities and Program Measures: *Chairman Villani* asked whether "Failure to Appear" (FTA) was a serious charge. *Chief Salvatore* explained that there are felony and misdemeanor FTAs, depending upon the original charge.

Activities and Program Measures, Projects: *Chairman Villani* asked whether the Strategic Planning Committee was now finished, and *Chief Salvatore* reported that a draft report is included in the *Board's* folders this evening for review.

Staffing: *Commissioner Florin* asked about *Officer Joshua Paille's* status. *Chief Salvatore* stated that he is doing very well with his field training.

Event of Interest: *Commissioner Deak* asked who the officers were that were involved in this incident. *Chief Salvatore* stated that *Detective William Lazzara* and *Officer William Phillips* handled this incident, with *Detective Lazzara* as the Field Training Officer observing *Officer Phillips*.

COMMISSIONER'S FORUM

Commissioner Scrofani asked about the status of the \$40,000 bequest received by the *Department* for purposes of purchasing and training a new dog for the K-9 Unit. *Chief Salvatore* stated that at their meeting on October 11, 2016, the Town Council approved the acceptance of the bequest. The Executor of the Estate has been notified, and distribution of the funds is currently scheduled for November 16th.

There was some discussion regarding the status of the Police Union contract.

BUDGET

A. Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

Chief Salvatore reported no issues with the budget. Not reflected in the Overtime Account is a reimbursement of approximately \$9,000 received from the Department of Transportation for overtime incurred during recent summer DUI enforcement patrols.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Update Regarding Body Cameras.

Captain White reported that body cameras have been received from Safety Vision, the company that currently supplies the *Department's* in-car video camera systems, along with the accompanying computer software. However, the software is not very user friendly, and the Town IT Department is working on getting everything up and running. Because of this issue, the cameras have not been tested yet. Cameras from the company Watch Guard have been requested and will be tested next. There is also another company, VIEVU, that is now manufacturing and selling body cameras. *Chairman Villani* asked whether anyone has inquired as to whether the *Department* is using body cameras. *Chief Salvatore* and *Captain White* both stated not to their knowledge.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Motion to Approve the Closing of Pepper Street on October 28 and 30, 2016.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CLOSING OF PEPPER STREET ON OCTOBER 28 AND 30, 2016

Motion: W. Florin

MOTION TO APPROVE the Closing of Pepper Street between Route 25 and Green Street on October 28 and 30, 2016, from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., for the Save Our Stepney Task Force "Spirits of Stepney Graveside Lantern Light Tour," IF EVENT IS HELD.

Second: G. Scrofani

Discussion: None.

Motion Passed: 4-0

B. Discussion Regarding Draft Five-Year Strategic Plan.

The *Board* will review the draft plan distributed this evening for discussion at next month's meeting.

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 8:17 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: September 2016 Monthly Report
DATE: October 19, 2016

ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAM MEASURES:

In September the Detective Division received 37 cases from Patrol and initiated another 22 investigations. One case was cleared by arrest, and 23 were closed by other means (civil matter, restitution, considered inactive, assist other jurisdiction, etc.). Five arrest warrant applications were submitted to court, and six warrants were served; three FTA (Failure to Appear) or Violation of Probation warrants also were served by Detectives. Two search and seizure warrants were issued or executed during the month. Six pistol permits were initiated, and no other background inquiries were conducted. Two Ex-Parte Orders were executed for the month.

The Patrol Division recorded 26 individual criminal charges during September. Patrol officers issued 112 motor vehicle infractions, 145 written warnings, 18 misdemeanor motor vehicle summonses (e.g. suspended operator's license and no insurance coverage), one marijuana infraction, four parking tickets and made 13 DUI arrests.

Patrol Division officers responded to seven Domestic/Family Violence incidents in September, resulting in three arrests.

Prisoner Watch: Personnel performed 37.25 hours of prisoner watch for the month.

COMPUTER FORENSICS:

External Agency Examinations:

- Assist DEA with examination of 12 cell phones concerning seven narcotic overdose investigations. *Status:* Nine Completed, Three In Evidence.
- Assist DEA with examination of one cell phone concerning a narcotics investigation. *Status:* Complete.
- Assist Bridgeport Police with examination of two cell phones concerning a homicide investigation. *Status:* Completed.

- Assist Trumbull Police with examination of a cell phone and a computer concerning a suicide investigation. *Status:* Completed.

Internal (MPD) Examinations:

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

TRAFFIC SAFETY:

Patrol Division officers were assigned to 163 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 strategic planning committee should complete its draft report to be presented to the Board of Police Commissioners for review.

COMMUNITY SERVICES:

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

TRAINING:

The Chief, Captain and three Lieutenants attended **John M. Bailey Seminar on Instruction Re: New Legal Developments** on various dates during September. Instruction was presented by members of the Chief State's Attorney's Office at the Connecticut Police Academy in Meriden.

On September 9 - 13 Officer Karen O'Donnell attended **EMT Recertification** presented by AMR in Bridgeport.

On September 12 - 16 Sergeant Peter Howard attended **Fundamentals of Police Supervision** presented by Spector Criminal Justice Training and hosted by Farmington Police Department.

On September 12 - 16 Officer Todd Keeping attended **Basic Instructor Development** presented by staff at the Connecticut Police Academy in Meriden.

On September 14 - 15 Officer Justin Desiderato attended **Taser Instructor Certification** training at the Milford Police Academy. Officer Danielle Boucher was recertified as an instructor on September 15.

On September 15 Dispatchers Mark Babson, J.D. McAulay and Roger Connor attended **Active Shooter Response** presented by PowerPhone at the Meriden Police Department.

On September 16 the Monroe Police Department hosted **Policing & Prosecuting Impaired Driver Cases** presented by Assistant State's Attorney Robin Schwartz. The training is designed for traffic officers and crash investigators, and Lieutenant Stephen Corrone, Officer Christopher Silkman and Detective Amanda Losh represented this Department.

On September 16 Detective Nicole Buckley attended **Innovations in the Assessment and Treatment of Suicidal Risk** presented by Dr. David Jobes, PHD at the Leir Conference Center in Ridgefield.

On September 17 - 29 Dispatcher Trainee Edwin Rivera attended **Telecommunicator** training at the Connecticut Police Academy in Meriden. This course is one of the three DSET (Division of Statewide Emergency Telecommunications) required training classes for dispatchers.

On September 21 Lieutenant Kevin McKellick and Officer Mark Caulfield were recertified as **Breath and Alcohol Instructors (Intoxilyzer)** by the Connecticut Division of Scientific Services.

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 attending basic training, which began on July 1 at the Connecticut Police Academy in Meriden.

Department staff will be completing **Blood Borne Pathogens** online training through SafeResponse.

STAFFING:

Officer Michael Phillips is presently in the fourth and final phase of his field training program.

Officer Joshua Paille returned from his overseas military deployment with the Connecticut National Guard, and on September 23 he began his Monroe Police field training program with experienced FTO officers.

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

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

Sergeant Gregory Smith returned to full duty from a work-related injury on September 26.

EVENTS OF INTEREST:

On September 28 at about 8:50 p.m. an officer observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed on Cutlers Farm Road. The officer effected a motor vehicle stop in the vicinity of 515 Cutlers Farm Road. Upon approaching the car and questioning the operator, the officer noted that he was slurring his words and detected the odor of an alcoholic beverage emanating from the person. The officer instructed the operator to exit the vehicle so he could perform standardized field sobriety testing. Before beginning, the operator was patted down for officer safety, and a knife was discovered clipped to the man's waistband. The officer then felt a hard object in the man's pants pocket. When asked about it, the man replied that it was "nothing," as he tensed his body and tried repeatedly to pull away from the officer. With the assistance of another officer, the initial officer tried to remove the object from the driver's pants, and the man again tensed his body and pulled away. The man was then handcuffed, and officers discovered a second knife in his pocket, along with an Altoids tin containing 13 individually packaged small bags of powder, which was subsequently field tested as cocaine. Officers also found approximately \$870 in cash.

The operator was charged with Possession of Narcotics, Possession with Intent to Sell, Interfering with an Officer, DUI and Traveling Unreasonably Fast. He was booked and subsequently released after posting an \$11,500 bond.