

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held at the Southington Police Department Community Room on April 8, 2010.

The meeting is called to order by Chairman Verderame at 6:00 p.m. Commissioners Nevelos, Della Vecchia, Pestillo and Bedard were present.

Chief John Daly was present

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Pestillo.

Commissioner Verderame called for a motion to approve the March 11, 2010 minutes.

MOTION made by Commissioner Bedard to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 11, 2010, seconded by Commissioner Nevelos. All in favor. Motion passed.

Chairman Verderame called for a motion to approve billings presented to the Commissioners for payment.

Chief Daly presented the monthly Munis report concerning the expenses paid for the period March 11, 2010 to April 8, 2010.

Chief Daly explained the four requisitions to be signed off by Commissioners as requisition was over \$1,000. Several questions and then all agreed, signatures obtained.

MOTION made by Commissioner Della Vecchia to approve the monthly Munis Report as submitted for period March 11, 2010 to April 8, 2010 seconded by Commissioner Nevelos. All in favor, motion passed.

Chief Daly spoke on the existing laser measuring device used by the Department's Fatal Accident Team and informed Commissioners that it was in need

of repair. After discussion Commissioner consensus was to purchase a new laser measuring unit instead of repairing the current unit as the cost was prohibitive to repair. Chief Daly indicated the unit would be purchased through Asset Forfeiture funds.

Chief Daly discussed the purchase under state bid of a new SUV to replace one of the vehicles in the fleet. General consensus by Commissioners was to purchase the new SUV.

Report to Commissioners by Chief Daly.

First Item – T-3 Update. Chief Daly indicated that currently Officer Michael Kahn and Lt. Edward Pocock are riding the T-3 on the trail. The Department has received positive reaction. Chief Daly indicated that the reason there are only two officers riding the T-3 currently is because Lt. Pocock is currently working on a policy. Once the policy is completed the T-3 will be open to additional officers to ride. Chief Daly further indicated that from the T-3 the Department has already made a DUI arrest and a drug arrest thereby making a positive reflection for the Department on the trail. Chief Daly also commented that the bicycles are also being utilized on the trail.

Miscellaneous. Chief Daly indicated a card would be sent off to the new Chief of Police for New Haven, Ct. welcoming him to Connecticut and to his new position.

Chief Daly informed Commissioners on the recent article that appeared in the CPCA magazine concerning the Department's Command vehicle. He further commented that at an upcoming Western Chief's luncheon that will be held at the New Mill on April 14th. The Command Vehicle will be there on display for the Western Chiefs to view.

Chief Daly read an e mail he had received from a former employee of the Department indicating he was proud to say he had "worked with those guys" concerning the Department's efforts with the "Make A Wish" Foundation.

Chief Daly spoke on a recent letter to the editor from Mr. Arthur Taylor who was concerned that the Department was not paying enough attention to drivers talking on cell phones while driving around Southington. Chief Daly informed the Commissioners that he did in fact contact Mr. Taylor and had told Mr. Taylor the

Department had made 640 cell phone stops and issued 226 tickets and also that the paper chooses not to print cell phone arrests. Chief Daly stated that Mr. Taylor was pleased to receive the phone call and was happy to hear what the Department was doing to enforce drivers talking on cell phones.

Chief Daly informed Commissioners that the American Legion has named Sgt. Lowell DePalma as the first recipient of the American Legion's Award. A ceremony will be held at the American Legion on May 15th, 2010. Chief Daly commented that Sgt. DePalma was very deserving of the Award.

Chief Daly spoke on a request he had received from Crime Reports.com. The program dealt with posting on a computer, from information received by our Department, where crimes are occurring throughout the town. Chief Daly indicated that at this time the Department did not have the adequate funding to support a \$99 per month fee. He commented that he would be informing the company that perhaps he would consider it in the future as he believed it was a good product but at this time the Department would have to decline their offer.

Chief Daly discussed a request that had been made of him concerning the question as to why the Department has extra monies in the salary line at the end of a fiscal year. He explained the reasons.

Second Item –Activity Reports - Chief Daly called upon Capt. William Palmieri to give the Operation Division's Activity Report. Captain Palmieri commented that parking enforcement in the Southington Center area continued for March and the following 26 parking violations were given: six restricted area, one blocking crosswalk, ten overtime parking, four sidewalk violations, two double parked, two wrong side of street and one within 25 feet of a stop sign.

Also drug arrests by the Patrol Division continued and Capt. Palmieri noted that one of the arrests was made by an officer on the T3 patrol. Additionally the Net Unit activity continued with a total of ten arrests and seven failure to appear warrants issues. Capt. Palmieri also stated that the arrests were not out of town residents.

Capt. Palmieri reviewed with Commissioners the NIBRS report indicating thefts, vandalism and assaults had increased. Also he indicated that all patrol officers met the minimum standards for March and the Department was constantly striving for improvement.

Third Item – Presentation by Sergeant Robert Wilson – ERT overview. Chief Daly called upon Sgt. Wilson. Sgt. Wilson began his presentation by informing the Commissioners that regionalization of the Emergency Response Teams began in 1998. Sgt. Wilson indicated that Southington together with Bristol and Plainville are regionalized. He explained to the Commissioners the breakdown of command for the ERT unit. Sgt. Wilson presented the equipment and uniform used in conjunction with the Unit. Sgt. Wilson explained that the Hartford area uses the CRCOG agency and through CRCOG most of the equipment is obtained. He explained that all of the grants and resources are pooled under CROG and the necessary equipment is purchased for all of the units. Sgt. Wilson commented that “our team” was capable of handling just about any situation that came about, i.e. barricade incidents, hostage situations, narcotic incidents, high risk incidents to name a few. Sgt. Wilson indicated the ERT unit trains for eight hours a month and gave examples of some of the training that had taken place. Commissioners were pleased with Sgt. Wilson’s presentation and thanked him for his and the teams efforts.

Commissioner Communications. There were none

Public Communications. Mr. George Pohorilak attended the meeting to express a sincere thank you to the Commissioners for listening to his concerns about the Emergency Medical Dispatch and for bringing it forward for the benefit of the Town and its residents. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Pohorilak for all of his information and assistance.

Old Business. There was none

Any other business. There was none

MOTION made by Commissioner Bedard to adjourn the regular meeting and go immediately into executive session, including Chief Daly, excluding the press and the public, for the purpose of discussing personnel and contractual issues, seconded by Commissioner Della Vecchia. All in favor. Motion passed at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne D. Palmieri
Recording Secretary

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
Executive Session

April 8, 2010

Chairman Verderame called the Executive Session to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Pestillo, Bedard, Nevelos, Della Vecchia
and Chief Daly

**MOTION made by Commissioner Bedard
to adjourn the executive session and go back
into regular session. Seconded by Commissioner
Pestillo. Motion passed unanimously.**

Executive Session adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne D. Palmieri
Recording Secretary

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting after Executive Session

April 8, 2010

Chairman Verderame called the Regular Meeting after Executive Session to order at 6:55 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Pestillo, Bedard, Nevelos and Della Vecchia
Chief Daly

MOTION made by Commissioner Pestillo to deny Grievance 2010-01 seconded by Commissioner Della Vecchia, all in favor, motion passed.

No other business to come before the meeting.

MOTION made by Commissioner Della Vecchia to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Pestillo, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne D. Palmieri
Recording Secretary

