

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
October 9, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.
Southington Police Department
69 Lazy Lane
Southington, CT 06489

Chairman Richard Montague, PhD called the meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Southington Police Department, 69 Lazy Lane, Southington, CT with the following in attendance:

Commissioner James Verderame, Sr., Commissioner Nicholas DePaola, Commissioner Phil Landino, and John F. Daly, Chief of Police.

Administrative staff in attendance:

William Palmieri, Administrative Captain
Lowell DePalma, Operations Captain

Richard Montague, PhD, Chair, presiding:

1. **Pledge of Allegiance.** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone in attendance.
2. **Approval of Minutes** from the previous regular meeting, September 2014.

Commissioner Verderame made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 2014 meeting. Commissioner Landino seconded. Commissioner DePaola abstained. Motion passed.

3. **Communications.**

a. **Communications from the Public**

Art Cyr of 103 Berlin Ave., Southington, CT spoke about the following:

He is glad that the meeting is being held right in the middle of Apple Harvest. He would like to thank Chief Daly, Captain DePalma and Lieutenant Elliott for all of the fine work they did during the Apple Harvest Road Race. The Southington Police Department did everything they said they would, everything they needed to do and took care of injured runners and all of the traffic problems. There are a few more tweaks that need to be made by the YMCA, but by next year it will be perfect as far as public safety goes. Mr. Cyr has one suggestion which is to move the speed limit signs to where the temporary signs need to be placed in order to use the same poles rather than taking the time to mark and install the temporary poles.

b. Commissioner Communications

None.

4. Chief Jack Daly's Report to Commission.

Chief Daly relays a thank you letter from Mr. Jim Shanley, Michael Shanley's father. He is very appreciative to the Department for all the help with Michael's funeral. Mr. Shanley donated all of Michael's old uniforms, which were in phenomenal shape. Many of the younger officers were able to benefit from the free uniforms.

Chief Daly relays an additional thank you letter and telephone accolade both received with respect to Officer Joe Vernali.

Chief Daly states that on Monday he attended a press conference with the Governor regarding the UCR report. The National average for crime was down 5.4% and Connecticut was down an average of about 10.8%.

5. Bills Submitted for payment

Commissioner Verderame made a motion to approve the bills from September 2014 as submitted. Commissioner Depaola seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

6. Administrative Report by Captain Palmieri

a) General Order Review.

1. 400-08 Extra Police Duty Assignments

Commissioner Landino made a motion to approve the Extra Police Duty Assignments General Order as submitted. Commissioner DePaola seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

2. 500-06 Department Promotions

Commissioner Landino made a motion to approve the Department Promotions General Order. Commissioner DePaola seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

3. 700-02 Media Relations

Commissioner Landino made a motion to approve the Media Relations General Order as modified by the Board. Commissioner DePaola seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

b) Natural Gas Change Over Update.

The gas pipe has been run and they are still moving forward with the February 2015 date. The gas company is covering the cost of the hookup to run the pipe to the building

and the Department is partnering with the Town's Energy Efficiency Program to cover any remaining costs.

c) Department Access Control & Video Surveillance System Update

This is also moving along fine toward the November 2014 target date for completion. This system runs all the cameras within the Department, internal and external access.

d) Animal Control Building Roof Replacement Update

This project is still going forward but they do not have a start date yet. Captain Palmieri will keep the Commission posted on this project. They did receive all the planning and zoning permits. They will try to finish the project before winter.

e) Budget Fiscal Year 2015-2016

One of the initiatives the Commission brought forward last year was to send out communication to the Department to find out if there was anything they can do to enhance and better their services. That worked out well. On September 19th that communication was sent out. October 13th is the due date. They will present the draft budget at the January 2015 meeting.

7. Operations Report by Captain DePalma.

On Wednesday, September 17th, Chief Daly, Captain Palmieri and Captain DePalma met with the new Superintendent Tim Connellan to discuss the JFK lockdown and the TD bank robbery since the schools were in lockdown during that incident.

They also discussed, with the Superintendent, the All Hazards School Security and Safety Plan. This Plan outlines the Southington school system's approach to emergency management and operations before, during, and after an incident. This State Plan has been developed to assist the schools within Connecticut in protecting their staff, students, and visitors during an emergency situation. The plan takes an all-hazards approach to emergency management and plans within the five mission areas: Prevention, protection, mitigation, response and recovery.

Last month the Southington Department reorganized the Detective Bureau and created the Special Investigation Unit (SIU). This unit took over the responsibilities of the Narcotics Enforcement Team (NET) and expanded its investigative mission to not only cover drug enforcement but investigation and/or enforcement in the following areas:

- Firearms related investigations
- Prostitution and VICE related investigations
- Liquor control / underage drinking related investigations
- Tobacco compliance related investigations
- Town ordinance compliance (e.g., retail inspections and enforcement)
- Special projects, examples of such are:
 - Undercover restaurant / bar inspections and investigations
 - Undercover linear trail operations
 - Serial graffiti related investigations
 - Serial vandalism investigations
 - Street crime type investigations
 - Any support to ongoing investigations
 - Any investigations relating to recent high profile incidents
 - Southington "quality of life" related crimes and investigations

Distracted driving operation final results (Driving Enforcement Wave 09/03/14 – 09/24/14) SPD completed 9 - 5 hour waves of enforcement, which consisted of one Supervisor and two Officers.

Totals are as follows:

Wave Totals:

- 124 Infractions - for Operating a M/V While using a Mobile 14-296aa(b)
- 2 Summons' for Operating a M/V While using a Mobile 14-296aa(b) and Operating Suspended 14-215
- Patrol Enforcement (During their normal shift) – 17 Total
- Total Enforcement – 141 Infractions and 2 Summons'

Motion to enter into executive session was made by Commissioner Landino excluding the public and press for the purposes of personnel and contractual issues. Included in executive session were Chief Daly, Captain Palmieri, and Captain DePalma. Commissioner Verderame seconded. Motion passes unanimously on a voice vote.

Whereupon, The Commission went into executive session at 6:26 p.m.

9. Executive Session

The Southington Board of Police Commissioners entered executive session immediately following their regular meeting with the following in attendance in order to discuss personnel and contractual issues:

Chairman Richard Montague, PhD, Commissioner James Verderame, Sr., Commissioner Nicholas DePaola, Commissioner Phil Landino, John F. Daly, Chief of Police, Captain William Palmieri and Captain Lowell DePalma.

No motions were made or votes taken during executive session.

Commissioner Landino made a motion to return to public session. Commissioner Verderame seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

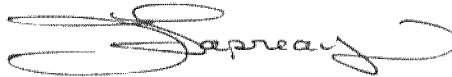
Executive session was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

10. Regular session

Commissioner Verderame made a motion to adjourn the Board of Police Commissioners Meeting. Commissioner Landino seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jodi Lapreay". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "L".

Jodi Lapreay
Recording Secretary