

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
May 14, 2015 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 Steve Pestillo, and John F. Daly, Chief of Police.

Administrative staff in attendance:

William Palmieri, Administrative Captain
Lowell DePalma, Operations Captain

Richard Montague, PhD, Chair, presides:

1. **Pledge of Allegiance.** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone in attendance.
2. **Approval of Minutes** from the previous regular meeting, March 2015.

Commissioner Verderame made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 2015 meeting. Commissioner Pestillo seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

3. **Communications.**

a. **Communications from the Public**

Art Cyr of 103 Berlin Ave., Southington, CT discussed how he has always been a believer in video being very important with respect to deterring vandalism and the like. He believes there should be video cameras throughout town (at least two dozen), including street corners and on Rails to Trails, in order to capture and deter vandalism and other criminal activity. He believes video is a very effective deterrent when it comes to capturing violations within the Town of Southington. Chief Daly agreed that video cameras do have their place in Law Enforcement; however, a Town wide initiative should not come out of the Police Department's budget.

b. **Commissioner Communications** None.

4. Chief Jack Daly's Report to Commission.

Chief Daly relayed that Officer Tom Gallo was selected as the American Legions' Northeast Region Officer of the Year. His name and resume was submitted to the American Legion Nationals along with the three other regional winners for national consideration. Chief Daly was subsequently notified that Officer Gallo was runner up for the national award.

Officer Carbone and Officer Ward are new members of the Central Region Emergency Response Team. They will be replacing Officer Marenholz and Detective Armack.

The Special Olympics pasta dinner was held May 1st at Hawks Landing. The event raised in excess of \$2,000 for CT Special Olympics. Officer Ward did an outstanding job organizing the event.

Southern Police Institute is presenting their 76th Command Officers Development Course in 2016. This course is 400 hours broken up into five two-week blocks of training April – August 2016. The training is being held at the West Hartford Police Department. The J. Allen Lamb & Edward S. Pocock, III Foundation provided scholarship monies of \$2,000 for each seat requested to help cover the program cost for New England law enforcement officers. The J. Allen Lamb & Edward S. Pocock, III Foundation has purchased 15 patrol rifles for use in their upcoming Patrol Rifle Program.

The Memorial Day parade will take place on Monday, May 25th at 10:30 a.m.

Officer Carbone and Officer G. Vernali will be receiving the MADD award for DUI enforcement on May 20th at CCSU. Officer Carbone will be receiving his 5 year pin. Officer Vernali will be receiving his first award.

The Law Enforcement Alliance of Southington's golf tournament will take place on Friday, June 12th, at Hawks Landing.

Chief Daly relays that the Department has received numerous letters of appreciation from the public. Chief Daly also relays commendations received by Officer, Lowery, Officer Butler, Officer Rochette, Officer Hammell, Detective Wojenski, Sergeant Plourde, Officer Mahon, Officer. G. Vernali, Detective Dobratz, Detective Armack, Officer Marenholz, Detective Palmieri, and Lieutenant Elliott.

With respect to the Department's two new recruits; one is currently ranked 2nd out of 44 with a grade point average of 98.5. The other is ranked 11th out of 44 with a grade point average of 96.5.

There was a short discussion about the permanent fix to the Police Department roof issue. It is still being discussed with the Town Engineer.

5. Bills Submitted for payment

Commissioner DePaola made a motion to approve the bills from March 2015 and April 2015 as submitted. Commissioner Pestillo seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

6. Administrative Report by Captain Palmieri

a) General Order Review.

1. 300-05 Fiscal Management & Cash Handling General Order

Commissioner Verderame made a motion to approve the Fiscal Management & Cash Handling General Order as submitted. Commissioner DePaola seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

2. 600-12 Sexual Assault Investigation General Order

Commissioner Verderame made a motion to approve the Sexual Assault Investigation General Order as submitted. Commissioner DePaola seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

3. 600-14 Warrant Procedures General Order

Commissioner Verderame made a motion to approve the Warrant Procedures General Order as submitted. Commissioner DePaola seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

4. 600-21 Nasal Narcan/Naloxone General Order

Commissioner Verderame made a motion to approve the Nasal Narcan/Naloxone General Order as submitted. Commissioner DePaola seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

b) JAG Grant Update.

The Department received confirmation of JAG Grant approval at the Board of Finance meeting. With that money they will get body cameras, some surveillance equipment, a rifle locker, computer for forensic investigations. They will also be able to cover the Nasal Narcan overtime needed to train the officers. The rest of the grant will be used towards training the officers with the CAD and RMS systems.

c) Budget Update.

The Department requested transfers of \$30,000 into the overtime account and \$5,000 into the professional services account.

7. Operations Report by Captain DePalma

a) DUI Update.

This year the Department made 95 DWI arrests as compared to last year at this time which was 61 arrests. Officer Vernali and Officer Carbone are going to be recognized for the MADD award. Officer Vernali made 13 arrests and Officer Carbone made 12 arrests. They also want to recognize Officer Lopa, Officer Lamarre and Officer Milne since they also made quite a few arrests.

b) Special Operations Update.

The Department has made a special effort in regard to alcohol and drugs. March 14th they did a compliance check on 23 establishments in Town. 20 of those establishments were fine, 3 were noncompliant. On March 20th there was a DWI checkpoint on Queen St. and as a result of that checkpoint there was one written warning for equipment, one motor vehicle arrest, two infractions, and two DWIs. On March 28th they did a prom party patrol. A party was located at one of the local motels and there were 10 juveniles cited for possession and the father that rented the room was also cited. On April 9th they responded to a large party on Savage Street where 29 infractions were issued to juveniles for possession of alcohol and the father was also arrested for permitting minors to possess alcohol on the property. On April 10th they did another DWI checkpoint and six infractions were issued. No DWIs were picked up. In May they did another DWI checkpoint and three infractions were issued, a motor vehicle summons was issued, an arrest for marijuana and two DWIs. There was a question regarding cell phone usage infractions. Captain DePalma states that, although they do give a lot of infractions for cell phone use, the media does not promote them like they do criminal arrests.

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

Whereupon, The Commission went into executive session at 6:23 p.m.

8. 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 Steve Pestillo, John F. Daly, Chief of Police, Captain Lowell DePalma and Captain William Palmieri.

No motions were made or votes taken during executive session.

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

Executive session was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

10. Regular session

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

Meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jodi Lapreay".

Jodi Lapreay
Recording Secretary