

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
July 9, 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 Nicholas DePaola, Commissioner Steve Pestillo, 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, presides:

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

Commissioner DePaola made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 2015 meeting. Commissioner Pestillo seconded. Commissioner Landino abstained. Motion passed.

3. **Communications.**

a. **Communications from the Public**

Art Cyr of 103 Berlin Ave., Southington, CT stated that the Town Council has approved the vendor to design Rails To Trails section four from Lazy Lane to West Queen Street. He suggested the Department provide early input in the trail design dealing with items such as; lights and video cameras.

b. **Commissioner Communications** None.

4. **Chief Jack Daly's Report to Commission.**

Chief Daly relayed that October 24 – 27 is the IACP Conference in Chicago. He will be making arrangements to go to that shortly.

On July 2nd they received a letter from Chief Salvatore of the Cromwell Police Department thanking the Department for their officers' assistance with the Travelers Golf Tournament. They were very appreciative.

On June 5th Officer Alex Milne resigned. On June 13th Officer Donatella Jones resigned. The replacements are two officers that graduated from the Academy on June 17th. They are in FTO and doing well. They should be for full duty in early September.

The Department is currently investigating the recent vandalism at Recreation Park.

The Department applied for a speeding grant but was denied since so many towns applied. If more funding becomes available the Department will be considered.

Regarding traffic, there will be milling on South Main Street near the bowling alley down to Todd Road today and tomorrow. July 20th and 21st they will be paving in that area. The week of July 13th Mulberry Street between Old Turnpike and Deckert Drive will be closed so that the Water Department sub-contractor can do the laterals.

Friday, July 10th, the Chief and Captain Palmieri will be going to the Trumbull Marriott where Officer Chad Butler will receive the Legion Officer of the Year. On Saturday Officer Gallo will be receiving the runner up for a national award. Chief Daly is very pleased and very proud of Officer Gallo and Officer Butler.

The Department was notified by Joyce Williams of the Finance Department that there is \$6,261.39 in an account that can only be used for the relief of injured or disable policemen; expended at the discretion of the Board of Police Commissioners. The money in that account comes from property sold by the Police Department.

a) K-9 Unit Equipment Donations

Chief Daly stated that they have an excellent K-9 program, but without the support of the citizens and the people of Southington it would not be as successful as it is. Chief Daly presented four Proclamations to the following individuals for donations they have given to the K-9 Unit:

Robert Desaulniers
Eleanor Davey (not present)
Stephen & Barbara Pinterich
The American Legion

The Proclamations stated as follows:

WHEREAS in January 2001 the Southington Police Department inaugurated its K-9 program. Over the past 14 years the Southington Police K-9 program has increased adding an additional K-9 and handler.

During this period several Southington citizens and businesses have donated thousands of dollars to ensure the longevity and safety of our departments K-9's. These donations have allowed the program to provide a broad range of necessities ranging from medical supplies, training equipment and ballistic vests.

The generous donations have allowed the program to flourish and maintain its excellence. Where it not for the support of our Southington residents and businesses it would be difficult to maintain the highest degree of excellence in our K-9 program.

Over the past 14 years the Southington K-9's have assisted in locating lost children as well as missing and disabled adults. The K-9's have tracked and apprehended numerous criminals, reducing the potential for injury to our officers. The K-9's have also sniffed out an enormous amount of illegal drugs protecting all quality of life in the Town of Southington.

Not only has the Southington K-9 program assisted the citizens of Southington, but also the citizens of all our neighboring towns.

WHEREAS it is with much appreciation from the Board of Police Commissioners, the Southington Police Department and our K-9 officers that your dedication, hard work and generous donations have contributed toward making the Southington Police Department and our town a better place.

Officer Salerno gave a presentation displaying examples of what the K-9 donation monies are used for (i.e. bullet proof vests, winter jackets, toys and rewards, oxygen masks, GPS trackers, etc.).

Robert Desaulniers relayed that he has learned of a new drug, Krokoeil, that has originated from Russia. An opiate 10 times stronger than heroin, cooked with gasoline and chemicals from a match striker (along with other chemicals including codine). This should be hitting the U.S. soon. A very powerful, potent drug. This drug is injected and is a flesh eating chemical. The high on this drug is stronger than the heroin high and much cheaper. Life expectancy is anywhere from one year to two years. He claims this drug has already hit the Niagra Falls area. Hopefully it will not hit this or neighboring towns.

5. Bills Submitted for payment

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

6. Administrative Report by Captain Palmieri

a) General Order Review.

1. General Order 400-04 Disciplinary Process

Commissioner Landino made a motion to approve the Disciplinary Process General Order as submitted. Commissioner DePaola seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

2. General Order 400-07 Employee Code of Conduct

Commissioner Landino made a motion to approve the Employee Code of Conduct General Order as submitted. Commissioner DePaola seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

3. General Order 400-06 Department Leave Time

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

4. General Order 600-22 Golf Cart Operation and Use

Brief discussion regarding updates to the Golf Cart Operation and Use General Order. This is not an action item.

5. General Order 700-01 Internal Affairs Update

Commissioner Landino made a motion to approve the Internal Affairs Update General Order as submitted. Commissioner DePaola seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

b) Narcan Training Update.

Captain Palmieri relayed that they finished training the majority of their officers to use the Narcan. Training occurred on June 1st and June 8th. On June 19th they had their first save through nasal Narcan. An officer responded to a local hotel on a drug overdose with the person unresponsive. Officer Boislard utilized Narcan and the person became responsive.

c) Security/Video System Maintenance Agreement.

Commissioner Pestillo made a motion to approve the Security/Video System Maintenance Agreement as submitted. Commissioner DePaola seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

7. Parking Tag 006295 Review by Captain Palmieri

Commissioner DePaola made a motion to approve the Report as submitted. Commissioner Landino seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

8. Operations Report by Captain DePalma

a) Click-it-Ticket Wave 48 Results.

Captain DePalma relayed that the latest Click-It-Ticket wave produced 167 citations given out. The CT Department of Transportation has reported that CT seatbelt use has been on a steady decline. 88.4% in 2001 to 85.1% in 2014. This is also a nationwide trend. However, when they went out to do their pre-surveys they were at 95%. When they went out with their enforcement action they were at 97%. That is very good. They are still tackling cell phone use and speeding.

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 6:40 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 Nicholas DePaola, Commissioner Steve Pestillo, Commissioner Phil Landino, John F. Daly, Chief of Police, Captain Lowell DePalma and Captain William Palmieri.

No motions were made or votes taken during executive session.

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

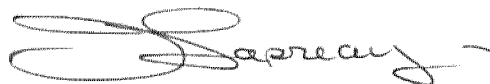
Executive session was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

10. Regular session

Commissioner Landino 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 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jodi Lapreay
Recording Secretary