

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
September 10, 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, 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, July, 2015.

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

3. **Communications.**

a. **Communications from the Public**

None.

b. **Commissioner Communications**

None.

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

Chief Daly relayed that both Officer Grigerek and Officer Lutnes have successfully completed their field training program and have been assigned to the patrol division.

The Department received four letters from the public acknowledging excellent police work done by the following police officers: Officer Cifone, Officer Kizilski, Officer Michaud and Officer Rochette (who received two letters).

Chief Daly also received a letter from the Assistant Principal of Southington High School thanking the officers for doing a fine job at the graduation ceremony. Including Lieutenant

Baribault, Lieutenant Elliott, Sergeant Dobratz, Officer Cifone, Officer Salerno, Officer Burke, Officer Michaud, Officer Carbone, Officer Carrubba and Officer Mackenzie.

Chief Daly received 3 letters dealing with the Police Departments Regional Emergency Response Team. The team assisted the Torrington Police with a barricaded subject which resulted in a 14 hour standoff. The subject was eventually talked into surrendering by a police negotiator. The letters were from the Torrington Police Chief, Torrington Town Mayor , and the Southington Town Manager Garry Brumback. All letters thanked the members of the Regional Emergency Response Team for a job well done including Detective Tillotson, Officer Mackenzie, Officer Ward, Officer Wilk, Officer Lowrey, Officer Carbone and Officer Boislard.

Chief Daly also relayed that he was recently appointed the position of Secretary Treasurer of the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association to fill the vacancy that was left by the retirement of Cromwell Police Chief, Anthony Salvatore, who subsequently became the Town Manager in Cromwell. Chief Daly was asked to assist in the hiring process for the new Cromwell Police Chief, which he did. Chief Daly will be attending the swearing in of the new Police Chief next Wednesday.

5. Bills Submitted for payment

Commissioner Verderame made a motion to approve the bills from July 2015 and August 2015 as submitted. Commissioner Pestillo seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

6. Administrative Report by Captain Palmieri

a) General Order 600.01 Critical Incident Management

Commissioner DePaola made a motion to approve the Critical Incident Management General Order as submitted. Commissioner Pestillo seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

b) General Order 600-05 Communications Function

Commissioner DePaola made a motion to approve the Communications Function General Order as submitted. Commissioner Pestillo seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

c) General Order 600-11 Crime Scene Processing

Commissioner DePaola made a motion to approve the Crime Scene Processing General Order as submitted. Commissioner Pestillo seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

d) Annual Report Fiscal Year 2014-2015

Commissioner DePaola made a motion to approve the Annual Report Fiscal Year 2014 - 2015 as submitted. Commissioner Pestillo seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

e) **Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2016**

Commissioner DePaola made a motion to approve the Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2016 as submitted. Commissioner Verderame seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

7. Operations Report by Captain DePalma

a) **Southington High School, Resource Officer 2014 – 2015**

Captain DePalma relayed that he submitted Officer Mackenzie's report as SRO of the High School. They are right on track with the statistics from last year. There were 19 arrests this year, 15 arrests last year. There were 5 juvenile referrals, 4 juvenile referrals last year. Officer Butler is now the SRO for the High School. He was formally the DARE officer.

Comment from Commissioner DePaola congratulating the Captains on their well put together reports. With all the problems that police officers are having these days, it's amazing the respect and responsibility and the responsible action they get from this police department. He is very happy and proud of the Department for doing such a good job. Commissioner Pestillo agrees.

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 Verderame seconded. Motion passes unanimously on a voice vote.

Whereupon, The Commission went into executive session at 6:12 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, 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 Pestillo seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Executive session was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

10. Regular session

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

Meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Jodi Lapreay
Recording Secretary