

**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

**October 8, 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 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, September, 2015.

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

3. **Communications.**

a. **Communications from the Public**

Art Cyr of 103 Berlin Ave., Southington, CT stated that we are in the middle of another Apple Harvest Festival and survived another YMCA road race on Sunday with 1,500 runners on public roads. We have potential for numerous disasters. From the Chief, to the Captains, to the Lieutenants, everyone in this Department has stepped up. As a Town we have gotten so much better and safer. Officer Petro's orange and black detour signs are really classy. This year they put another officer, at the other end of Oak to stop people coming off of Hobart. They stopped about 90% of the vehicles at Hobart. They used to get about 20 or 30 cars but this year they only had 4 or 5 cars. Lt. Suski blocked off Berlin Avenue when needed for safety reasons.

Mr. Cyr stated that Lt. Elliott shows up for every single Apple Harvest Committee meeting and is an active participant in place of the Chief.

Mr. Cyr also stated that, over the course of the next year, especially during budget time, it is a pleasure watching Chief Daly come before the Board of Finance and present the department budget. Chief Daly is well prepared and has the required information to answer questions. Chief Daly does an excellent job.

**b. Commissioner Communications**

Commissioner Verderame had a question about a bike race that came through Southington. Brief discussion with respect to bike race.

Commissioner DePaola made comments with respect to the several mass shootings that have occurred recently and the way the media builds it up and delves into the shooters background, etc. Unfortunately there are always people out there that strive for recognition and they don't care how they get it. People are afraid to go to schools, the movies, and churches. He wished the media would cut back on it because it is just egging people on. He inquires as to whether the Southington Police Department had plans in place with the schools with respect to what could happen. Chief Daly and Captain DePalma confirm that there are many security plans in place. And there is also common language throughout the State. Commissioner DePaola agrees with Mr. Cyr that the Department does a great job.

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

Chief Daly relayed that the first weekend the weather turned out good for the parade. He commends Lt. Elliott with respect to the road race especially since there was a last minute rerouting because the Town was repaving Spring Lake Road. Lt. Elliott did a very good job with that.

Chief Daly states that Captain Palmieri and himself have been working on the budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

They received a donation for the K-9s from Elenore Davy with has been submitted to the Special Revenues Fund. The K-9s have been extremely busy over the past month.

**5. Bills Submitted for payment**

Commissioner DePaola made a motion to approve the bills from September 2015 as submitted. Commissioner Landino seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

**6. Administrative Report by Captain Palmieri**

**a) General Order 200-06 Use of Force Update**

Commissioner Landino made a motion to approve the Use of Force General Order as submitted. Commissioner Verderame seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

**b) General Order 600-01 Critical Incident Management Update**

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

**c) General Order 400-05 Hours of Work**

Commissioner Landino made a motion to approve the Hours of Work General Order as submitted. Commissioner Verderame seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

**d) General Order 700-06 Evidence and Property Management**

Commissioner Landino made a motion to approve the Evidence and Property Management General Order as submitted. Commissioner Verderame seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

**e) General Order 700-12 Department Equipment**

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

**f) General Order 700-13 Firearms and Ammunition**

Commissioner Landino made a motion to approve the Firearms and Ammunition General Order as submitted. Commissioner Verderame seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

**g) General Order 700-14 Report Writing**

Commissioner Landino made a motion to approve the Report Writing General Order as submitted. Commissioner Verderame seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

**h) Accreditation Process Update**

Captain Palmieri updated the Commissioners on the Accreditation Process.

**i) CAD and RMS System Update**

Captain Palmieri updated the Commissioners on the CAD and RMS Systems. The project is going well.

**j) Radio System Update**

Captain Palmieri updated the Commissioners on the Radio System. Project's completion date is still January 4, 2016.

## **7. Operations Report by Captain DePalma**

### **a) Operational Events Overview**

Captain DePalma relayed that there were three critical incidents last month. The first was a barricaded male subject on Atwater Street. They were able to talk the male out and brought him to the hospital for treatment.

The second incident was a missing person on September 25. A family member reported that his dad, who was 85 years old Alzheimer's patient was missing. He was missing for about an hour. Four officers and K-9 responded. He was eventually located and was safely reunited with his family.

The third incident was a suicidal person on September 24<sup>th</sup>. They received a call from a local business owner that he was receiving texts. The individual had just had his employment terminated and was threatening suicide. The individual's vehicle was located and the K-9 unit, ATV and Fire Department responded. They were able to locate him and talked him away from the edge. He was sent to the hospital for evaluation.

The K-9s responded to each of these incidents.

Motion to enter into executive session was made by Commissioner DePaola 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 Landino seconded. Motion passes unanimously on a voice vote.

Whereupon, The Commission went into executive session at 6:20 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 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.

Executive session was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

## **9. Regular session**

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

Commissioner Landino made a motion to return to add the hiring of Supernumerary to the agenda. Commissioner DePaola seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Commissioner DePaola made a motion to return to hire Officer Jeffrey Lowery as a Supernumerary effective November 1, 2015. Commissioner Verderame seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

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 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jodi Lapreay", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jodi Lapreay  
Recording Secretary