

**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

**July 14, 2016 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 Pestillo, Commissioner Kalkowski, 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. There was also a moment of silence for the officers killed in Dallas.
2. **Approval of Minutes** from the previous regular meeting, June 2016.

Commissioner Kalkowski made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 2016 meeting with a minor amendment by Commissioner Pestillo to section 3b of the June 2016 minutes to include thanking the Chief of Police for allowing children in a drama group to hold their meetings in the Police Department classroom. Commissioner Pestillo seconded. Motion passed.

**3. Communications.**

**a. Communications from the Public**

Art Cyr of 105 Berlin Avenue stated that at Monday's Town Council meeting Councilwoman Triano spoke about the Dallas incident and how a lot of our local residents were showing support for the Southington Police Department. She mentioned that sometime in the future we should really do something to show our appreciation. He suggested that they do something during the awards night that the Police Department has once a year. He believes it should be advertised so that the auditorium would be full of people showing their appreciation.

**b. Commissioner Communications**

**None.**

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

Chief Daly reported that Officer Mahon and police K9 Arno receive an award from the Connecticut Police Work Dog Association for helping to catch three suspects who broke into the Target store in Southington and fled into the woods. Officer Mahon and Arno received the K9 Tracking Award for 2015.

Chief Daly relayed a letter from the public, specifically Mary Salvatore, thanking Officers Moller, Hammell, Valentine, Michaud and Vose for their assistance on a medical call.

Chief Daly also distributed photographs they took of all the flowers, cards and food that have been dropped off at the Police Department. They have been bombarded with kindness. Chief Daly would like to publicly thank the citizens of Southington. Chief Daly said the department appreciates everything; all the nice words and letters received by members of the public.

#### **5. Bills Submitted for payment**

Commissioner Kalkowski made a motion to approve the bills from June 2016 as submitted. Commissioner Pestillo seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

#### **6. Administrative Report by Captain Palmieri**

##### **a) Lethality Assessment Training (LAP)**

The Lethality Assessment general order went into effect on Monday, July 4, 2016. With this training program they piloted a training process component. They utilized the new Power DMS system. All tasks can be done from the officer's police vehicle via their mobile data terminal. The pilot process went very well with no problems and will be utilized for future training.

##### **b) Public Safety Dispatcher Training Outline**

David Shaffer and Gillian Bigby will start their Public Safety Dispatcher Training on Wednesday, July 13, 2016. Once they complete all of the training they will be a certified Telecommunicator with the State of Connecticut. They will also have field training.

##### **c) Public Safety Radio System Project Update**

Their radio vendor is working with the Water Department to get a firm installation date for the temporary radio system tower unit install. They are currently working to establish the weight/load of the tower unit that needs to be installed.

##### **d) Finance Board Requests**

##### **i) Appropriation E911 Grant**

Funding First Quarter Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

- ii) Transfer Animal Control Overtime closeout Fiscal Year 2015-2016  
\$2,943.00 transferred from regular wages into the overtime budget line.
- iii) Transfer Central Dispatch Overtime closeout Fiscal Year 2015-2016  
\$5,807.00 transferred from regular wages and temporary seasonal budget line.

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

### **a) Home Invasion Arrest**

Captain DePalma relays that, on June 25, 2016 officers were dispatched to Mt. Vernon Road on a report of a Trouble with Person. Based on the investigation, a 29 year-old male Plainville resident was arrested and charged with Home Invasion, Burglary 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, Criminal Mischief 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and Breach of Peace 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree. He was held on a \$50,000.00 bond with an appearance date of June 27<sup>th</sup> at the Bristol Court.

### **b) Prom Arrest**

Captain DePalma stated that on June 24, 2016, a 19 year-old Hamden resident came to Southington Police headquarters to turn himself in. The accused had an active arrest warrant stemming from an incident that occurred on May 28<sup>th</sup> in Southington. He was processed and charged with Interfering with an Officer, Assault of Public Safety, Emergency Medical, Public Transit, or Health Care Personnel, and Breach of Peace 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree. The accused was released on a \$1,500.00 non-surety bond and given a court appearance date of July 5<sup>th</sup> in Bristol Court.

### **c) Sexual Assault Arrest**

Captain DePalma relayed that, on June 29, 2016, a 40 year-old Southington male resident turned himself in at the Southington Police Department after learning of the two warrants for his arrest. Warrant #1 the accused was charged and the court set a \$50,000.00 cash/surety bond. The accused was charged on a second warrant with a court set \$35,000.00 cash/surety bond. The accused was transported to Bristol Superior Court for his arraignment.

### **d) Theft of Services/Stolen Motor Vehicle Arrest**

Captain DePalma stated that, on June 28, 2016, officers were investigating a larceny complaint at Denny's Restaurant. Based on the investigation, a 34 year-old male of Barnesville,

GA, and a 27 year-old female of Milner, GA were arrested. Both were charged with one count of larceny 3<sup>rd</sup> degree and one count of larceny 6<sup>th</sup> degree and went to court on June 29<sup>th</sup> court appearance.

e) Domestic Violence Arrest

Captain DePalma relayed that on July 5<sup>th</sup>, police responded to Andrews Street for a domestic disturbance. Based on the investigation, a 20 year old Southington male resident was charged with threatening 2<sup>nd</sup> degree and breach of peace 2<sup>nd</sup> degree. He was held in lieu of a \$10,000.00 bond and was transported to court on July 5<sup>th</sup>.

f) Animal Control Facebook Page

Captain DePalma stated that, on April 13, 2016 the Southington Animal Control Facebook page went live. The design of the site will allow our residents to be able to go to the page to find out about local ordinances pertaining to dogs, wildlife information and laws in the local, state and federal level. The page will also be used for presenting dogs that are available for adoption. It will contain a picture and brief description of the dog(s). General inquiries can also be made on the page. However, if the residents have an emergency or want to make a complaint, they will need to contact the Southington Police Department or call the dog pound directly.

g) Motor Vehicle Enforcement:

Captain DePalma relayed that traffic enforcement detail was competed to monitor the traffic on Pleasant Street at its intersection with Flanders Street. The detail also covered Queen Street at the intersection with I-84. This detail was looking for motorists who were not obeying traffic control signals at these intersections.

During this detail the following enforcement action was taken:

- 71 total motor vehicle stops made
  - 62 Written Warnings.
  - 3 Verbal Warnings.
  - 6 Infractions.
  - 1 Criminal Arrest Warrant.

The detail was conducted by on duty officers, who were required to answer calls for service as they attempted to monitor the intersections for violation.

Commissioner Kalkowski thanked the Department for putting in the traffic enforcement effort and believed it sent the right message to our citizens. Kalkowski further stated he wanted to see a continued effort in the area of traffic enforcement and education.

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 Kalkowski seconded. Motion passes unanimously on a voice vote.

Whereupon, The Commission went into Executive Session.

#### **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 Pestillo, Commissioner Kalkowski, Commissioner 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.

#### **9. Regular session**

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Jodi Lapreay  
Recording Secretary