

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING

**October 6, 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 Verderame, Commissioner Kalkowski, 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 2016.

Commissioner Kalkowski made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 2016 meeting. Commissioner Verderame seconded. Motion passed.

3. Communications.

a. Communications from the Public

Art Cyr of 105 Berlin Avenue stated that he was thrilled to see the outpouring of support for the local PD. He was thrilled to see Southington do something that no other City or Town in this State did. It is well deserved.

Mr. Cyr also stated that we are in the middle of Apple Harvest week. We all survived the road race and he thanks everyone from the Chief on down. Especially the Lieutenants who always come through. The road race safety has come a long way. He is very appreciative of all three Lieutenants. Without them out on that course, there would be problems. He is glad to see officers stopping people from entering with dogs more this year. It's very wide open so people sneak them in all over the place.

b. Commissioner Communications

Commissioner Kalkowski states that he has been trying to get more citizen participation at this meeting so he has been getting the word out and posting on Southington Talks. He suggests that it is difficult for people to make a 6:00 p.m. meeting so he proposes that one meeting every quarter be held at a later time like 7:00 p.m. He suggests that they try it to see if there is more citizen participation.

Art Cyr states that he appreciates the effort but, from experience, he can tell them that at most town meetings, whether they are at 6:00 p.m. or 7:30 p.m., the attendance is low. He does not think the time change will help the attendance. The only time people will attend is if there is a big issue that needs to be dealt with.

Carmelo Rizza of 116 Whistling Straights Drive agreed with Mr. Cyr on the time and attendance issue. He states that during the week is hard for people regardless of the time. For example, if the meeting this evening was held at 7:00 p.m., he would not have been able to attend. He suggests that if they want more people to come to the meeting, they have to tell people what the meeting is about, what they can gain out of coming, and what is the purpose of coming to the meeting.

Commissioner Kalkowski thanked them for their input and suggestions.

4. Chief Jack Daly's Report to Commission.

Chief Daly relayed four letters of recognition for several officers and dispatchers.

Chief Daly stated that Officer Lopa and Officer Burke recently graduated from DARE school and are currently teaching the DARE program in the school system.

Chief Daly also relayed that Southington Blue, which is a community-wide recognition of the Southington Police Department, was on Friday, September 30th. The Chief and other members of the Department attended many events in Town that day. Chief Daly stated that he truly appreciates everything the residents did for their Department on that day. It is an honor to serve the community. This is a great town.

5. Bills Submitted for payment

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

6. Administrative Report by Captain Palmieri

a) Accreditation; General Order Update

i) 500-05 Performance Evaluations

Commissioner Kalkowski made a motion to approve the Performance Evaluations General Order as submitted. Commissioner Verderame seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

ii) 600-02 Family Violence

Commissioner Kalkowski made a motion to approve the Family Violence General Order as submitted. Commissioner Verderame seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

iii) 600-07 Uniform Traffic Enforcement

Commissioner Kalkowski made a motion to approve the Uniform Traffic Enforcement General Order as submitted. Commissioner Verderame seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

iv) 600-10 Motor Vehicle Accident Investigation

Commissioner Kalkowski made a motion to approve the Motor Vehicle Accident Investigation General Order as submitted. Commissioner Verderame seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

v.) 600-13 Arrest Processing

Commissioner Kalkowski made a motion to approve the Arrest Processing General Order as submitted. Commissioner Verderame seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

b) Prescription Drug Dropbox Program

Captain Palmieri stated that last year they had 219 pounds of medication dropped off a year ago. This year they had 475.50 pounds dropped off. The program is working and keeping them busy.

c) Public Safety Dispatcher Training Update

Captain Palmieri stated that the dispatchers are all fully trained now.

d) Finance Board Correspondence

i) Department Lightning Strike

Captain Palmieri relayed that they let the Finance Board know how much it cost. They are trying to absorb it in their budget.

ii) Exterior Lighting

Captain Palmieri stated that they are having their sodium lights replace with LED since they are not energy efficient and expensive to replace. Eversource has a plan to save money so they came in to do an assessment. It raises their budget minimally over a 5 year period.

iii) HVAC System Update

Captain Palmieri stated that they are trying to regulate the heating and air conditioning better in the building with a HVAC corrective actions plan.

iv) DARE Donations

Captain Palmieri stated that they have sent the Finance Board letters regarding the appropriation of DARE donations they have received.

7. Operations Report by Captain DePalma

a) School Detail

Captain DePalma relayed that, on 9/1/16, the Southington school system started its new 2016/2017 school year. Officers were directed to conduct extra patrols in and out of the schools, school bus stops and to also monitor school bus SOS lights. Eight violators were cited for violation of school bus SOS lights.

b) Domestic Violence Arrest

Captain DePalma stated that on 9/5/16, officers arrested a 48-year-old Southington resident and charged him with threatening in the second degree, reckless endangerment in the first degree, breach of peace second degree, and unlawful restraint. It was alleged that the accused push the victim down and held a handgun against her neck. She was able to escape to call 911.

c) Drug Sale

Captain DePalma relayed that on 9/6/16, officers arrested a 35-year-old Southington resident and charged him with Interfering with an Officer, Operating a motor vehicle under suspension, and possession of drug paraphernalia. In addition, on 9/8/16, officers arrested a 22-year-old Bristol resident and charged him with four counts of Sale of Heroin. This individual was arrested after the special investigations unit secured warrants for the accused.

d) Residential Theft

Captain DePalma relayed that on 9/13/16 police arrested a 28-year-old New Britain resident and charged him with larceny in the fourth degree. It is alleged that he was stole electronic equipment from a person that he was staying with. It was subsequently learned that there were two warrants for probation violations and also a warrant for failure to appear in the second degree. These warrants were also served at the time of arrest.

e) Main Street Closed

Captain DePalma relayed that on 9/20/16, Main Street was closed from the intersection of Bristol Street to the intersection of Chestnut Street as a result of a motor vehicle accident that had occurred between these two intersections. The road was closed for approximately 24 hours and was reopened after repairs were made.

f) Drug Arrest K9 Use

Captain DePalma relayed that on 9/23/16, Southington police arrested a 32-year-old Southington resident and charged him with possession of narcotics. While investigating a possible reckless driving complaint, police became suspicious of possible drug activity. Their K-

9 was utilized and discovered three baggies of heroin hidden in the back storage pocket of the passenger seat.

g) **Bicyclist Fatality**

Captain DePalma stated that on 9/23/16, they received a report of a bicycle versus utility pole accident on Savage Street in the area of Southington Country Club. It was learned that a 44-year-old Southington resident was riding his bicycle down the hill on Savage Street in the area of Hacienda Circle. The bicyclist drove off the road and struck a utility pole near this intersection. The bicyclist subsequently died from his injuries. This case is still under investigation and more information will be released at a later date.

h) **Apple Harvest Festival**

The road race, parade and fireworks all went well. There were two juvenile fights and two missing children that were found and returned to their parents.

Motion to enter into executive session was made by Commissioner Kalkowski excluding the public and press for the purposes of personnel and contractual issues. Commissioner Verderame seconded. Included in executive session were Chief Daly, Captain DePalma and Captain Palmieri. 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 James Verderame, Commissioner Kalkowski, 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.

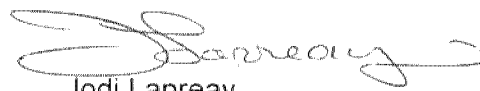
9. Regular session

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

Commissioner Verderame made a motion that the Board of Police Commissioners accept and agree with the Memorandum of Agreement negotiated by the Chief of Police and the Union related to Officer Ryan Lair's discipline. Commissioner Kalkowski seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Commissioner Verderame 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 black ink, appearing to read "J. Lapreay", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Jodi Lapreay
Recording Secretary