

POLICE COMMISSION MEETING

June 18, 2008

Present: James Cole, Chairman
Dexter J. Sutton, Secretary
Stuart Sawabini, Member

Edward J. Nadriczny,
Chief of Police

Also in attendance: Captain Thomas Bendernagel and Joan Wosahla.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Commission Chairman James Cole.

I Minutes of Previous Meeting (May 21, 2008)

Upon motion by Commissioner Sutton, seconded by Commissioner Sawabini, the minutes of the May 21, 2008 meeting were unanimously approved as presented.

II Department Monthly Reports

The department monthly reports were reviewed. Chairman Cole requested that the Community Relations report indicate the officers by last name, rather than initials, to make it less confusing. After discussion, the reports were accepted for the record.

III Topics For Discussion

1. Request for Hidden Driveway Signs. 145 and 147 Oenoke Lane.

Mr. Robert DiPanni, on behalf of neighbors, wrote, expressing concerns about a hazardous condition at the driveways of 145 and 147 Oenoke Lane. After looking into the situation, Captain Bendernagel noted the entire length of Oenoke Lane is heavily overgrown with vegetation. He had the Public Works Department cut back the trees and bushes. The work was completed the week of June 1st. Officer Farenga contacted the residents and they seem to be satisfied with the sightline issue being cleared; therefore, the Captain did not recommend installation of the signage. After review and discussion, the Commission voted 3 – 0 to place Oenoke Lane on the speed enforcement list periodically, as well as placing portable speed signs on the roadway.

2. Request for College Course Approval. Officer Rex Sprosta.

In pursuit of his Bachelor's degree, Officer Rex Sprosta requested Commission approval to enroll in the following courses at Southern Connecticut University during the Fall 2008 semester:

Sociology 310 - Racial and Ethnic Relations

Sociology 380 - Foundations of Sociological Theory

Officer Sprosta's request is in accordance with Article 25 of the existing Labor Agreement and the Commission voted 3 – 0 to approve the request. Tuition reimbursement is contingent upon successful completion of the courses.

IV State of Department

A. Letters of Appreciation for: Captain Leon Krolikowski; Officer Roy Adams; Lieutenant David Bender, Sergeant Carol Ogrinc and Officers Jeff Deak, Roy Adams and Joseph Farenga; Officers Andrea Alexander, Bill Marabella, Tom Swindon, Kevin Dowling, Ronald Bentley, and Matt Marzano; the Department.

B. Extra Duty Work – Job Cancellation Procedures.

As of June 5, 2008 new guidelines were established for cancellation procedures for extra duty work. In the event a contractor does not comply with the 3-hour or more notice to cancel the services of an officer, any officer not properly cancelled will be eligible to bill the contractor for the four-hour minimum payment. In the future there will be no distinction between the officer reporting to the extra duty job from home or if they report after the end of their shift. The different cancellation requirements and guidelines for Town sponsored events and work will not change.

C. Meetings with Officers.

To encourage open communication, dialogue and discussion in the department, Chief Nadriczny will be meeting with as many patrol officers as he can in the near future. The meetings will take place with individual or very small groups of officers. Discussion will cover topics such as the strengths and weaknesses of the department, personal goals and setting of department goals.

D. Department Motorcycle Officer.

Officer Joe Farenga has been certified as a police officer motorcycle operator. We have a draft policy in place that we are fine tuning. The policy contains the guidelines on what the officer can and cannot do when assigned to the motorcycle and spells out his role and responsibilities. When finalized the policy will be presented to the Police Commission for approval. Officer Farenga will be present at the July Commission meeting.

E. Information Memo

Included:

- Demolition of EMS Building and Change of Traffic Pattern at the P.D.
- Emergency Drill held at New Canaan High School.
- Press coverage of department's Law Enforcement Memorial Day ceremony.
- Sergeant Dave Ferris thanks politicians for approving the department's firing range.
- Domestic Violence reports on rise.
- Residents concerned about rezoning of Town Hall.
- Town Council voted to continue renting apartments at Kiwanis Park and Irwin Park to Police Officers.
- Resident concerned about reckless driving of taxi drivers in town.
- Editorial on making changes to town, such as "Slow Down in Our Town."

F. INSIGHT Training Bulletin: *ACTIVE SHOOTER RESPONSE*

V. Other Matters.

A. Communications sent on behalf of Commission were noted for the record.

B. Commissioner Cole attended a Statewide Emergency Management meeting. They would like to borrow our command post trailer tomorrow at the Fairfield Fire School. Officer Casey will bring it to them.

At 6:49 P.M. Chairman Cole made motion to move to Executive Session. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sutton, and unanimously approved, the Commission entered Executive Session. At the conclusion of Executive Session at 7:19 P.M, regular session reconvened. With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Sutton made motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cole, the Commissioners unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dexter J. Sutton, Secretary