

MINUTES
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
September 10, 2018

PRESENT: Chairman Peter Niles, Commissioners Ed Tessman, Phil Sengle, Lynn Hidek and Dom Morelli

Also present: Chief DeMaio, Sgt Flynn and Sgt Jakober

Guests: Frank Magill, Lourdes Rojas, Jack Scherban and Rob Derry

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

Commission Awareness: Comments from the public:

- F. Magill spoke to the letter he submitted on September 4, 2018 regarding speeding on Cow Hill Road.
 - The width of the road makes it dangerous for walkers and bikers as vehicles speed past them
 - He would like to see a concentrated presence of officers in that area as well as radar signs
 - Chief DeMaio will research radar signs while attending the IACP Conference in October
 - Officers will continue to be deployed to this area for speed enforcement

Traffic Authority:

- CVS Traffic Pattern – still pending
- Commerce/Grove Street parking:
 - Chief DeMaio, Director of Public Works P. Neff and the Director of Planning and Development will review the parking situation and bring it before the Traffic Authority next spring
- ConnectiCare Gran Fondo cycling fundraiser:
 - There will be minimal impact to the streets the cyclists will travel
- Clinton Volunteer Fire Department Bucket Drive:
 - This will be reviewed at the October meeting

Correspondence:

- Thank you to Cpl Popovich from C. Patchell
- Thank you to Officer Frey from P. Sengle – Touch a Truck
- Great job to Officer Corbin and Officer Caruso for motor vehicle stop
- Thank you to officers assigned to the Bluefish 5K from L. Rojas

Minutes of August 13, 2018 Regular Meeting:

- These will be reviewed at the October meeting

Review of line item accounts:

- Discussed the PD overtime line item
- Discussed the MACO full time vs part time salary line items
 - Will soon have a full time MACO on staff
 - This will reduce the part time salary line item
- Communications service contracts are traditionally paid in July

Chief's Report:

State of the Department:

- William Dudas has been hired as the new Eliot school crossing guard
- The State ACO, Madison ACO and Chief DeMaio were the panelist for the MACO oral board
 - Background checks are being done for the final MACO candidates

- The Department has two (2) seats at Post Academy with the session beginning October 1, 2018
 - South Central did the initial testing
 - The top scoring candidates (25 candidates) were processed as well as three (3) lateral applicants
 - The commissioners scheduled their oral board for Monday, September 17, 2018 at 6:00 pm
- Sgt Jakober will begin the ten (10) week FBI National Academy on October 1, 2018
 - Unless promotions are done prior to him leaving, his shift will need to be covered with an overtime shift commander
- All personnel are on full duty status
- Four officers (Sgt Carlson, Cpl Strunjo, Officers Torino and Matakaetis) are receiving the CT Valor Award from the CT Police Chiefs Association on September 27, 2018
- Eagle Scout Baker presented \$1,000 to the Police Department for the DARE program
- The Shoreline Community Women will be donating \$500 to the RAD program from two fundraisers they held
- The radar equipment will be moved from the Chryslers and installed in the Fords
 - E-printers will be installed in the Fords
- Three (3) new vehicles will be delivered in mid-December
- The marine division is focusing on training and certifying operators/crew under all weather and sea conditions
- CIRMA named the Clinton Police Department as one of three agencies receiving a pilot program with the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) to reduce risk exposure and identify operational and policy weaknesses
- Addressing the scheduling issue in the Communications/Dispatch center
- The regionalization of the Communications/Dispatch center is moving along but at a much slower pace
- During the Fireworks Fest Madison sent four (4) officers over to help with staffing
 - Clinton has a non-emergency mutual aid agreement with Madison

Old Business:

- Interviewed the MACO applicants
 - A Municipal Animal Control Officer should be hired within 5 to 10 days

New Business: None

General Department Discussion:

- The list of investigations was provided for the commissioners' review
- Discussed the overdoses
 - Recognition training will be done with the Fire Department
- The crosswalk on Grove Street, between the Greenway and Stevens Road has not be completed.
 - This will be looked into

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy McDermott
Administrative Assistant

STATE of the DEPARTMENT – August 2018

OPERATIONS

1. Social Media / Outreach
 - Currently, 2,944 followers on CPD's Facebook page.
 - "Scam Patrol" radio program continues on ICRV radio. 1 Year Anniversary Show aired on August 15th along with a special edition show, highlighting Clinton's Safety Assets.
2. K9 Program
 - Instagram Followers: over 24,000! We have the 3rd largest following in the nation for police working dogs.
 - We received a number of donations to the K9 program in memory of Ronald Mones (\$750.00 to date).
3. Shoreline Technical Crimes Investigative Group / South Central Regional
 - SCCJA produced a very strong list for entry-level hiring.
 - FBINAA South Central Region to host luncheon at Clinton Country Club in October.
4. Personnel
 - Hired New Crossing Guard for Eliot: Bill Dudas.
 - Conducting background investigations on two finalists for Full-Time MACO position.
 - Two Academy seats secured for 363rd Session beginning October 1st. Need to schedule Commission interviews for final candidates.
 - Sgt. Jakober begins FBI National Academy Session 274 on October 1st.
 - All Department personnel are on full-duty status.
 - Carlson, Strunjo, Matakaetis & Torino to receive CT Valor Award from Connecticut Police Chiefs Association on September 27th.
5. Budget
 - \$1,000.00 donated to D.A.R.E. program by Eagle Scout candidate Thomas Baker.
 - Two fundraising events conducted for R.A.D program by Shoreline Community Women.
 - \$5,500.00 remained in budget for new RADAR signs and mobile units.
6. Investigations
 - 33 new cases opened in August. 55 open cases under investigation (see attached).
 - CPD is hosting crime scene evidence collection class in September, provided by Sirchie.

7. Marine Patrol

- Operators continue to train on safe and proper operations of vessel under varying conditions.
- Limited marine operations have begun.

Support Services

8. Contracts & Vendors

- Negotiations with Communications Union have begun. Initial proposals exchanged on July 26. Currently, no meetings scheduled.
- Next meeting with Town Pension Committee and Actuary to stabilize pension plan scheduled for September 11th.
- CIRMA has named CPD and two other CT L.E. Agencies as recipients of a pilot program with the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CLAEA) to reduce risk exposure and identify operational and policy weaknesses (See Attached).

9. Software and Technology

- Scheduled installation of e-printers in Ford patrol vehicles.
- Sgt. Jakober and Chief DeMaio continuing with implementation and department-wide use of Power DMS records management software to improve accountability of directives and training records.
- Will evaluate all speed sign vendors at IACP in October to determine most appropriate devices for purchase.

10. Fleet

- Anticipated delivery date for new vehicles (3) is mid-December.
- Radar units to be moved to Fords with e-printers installed.

11. Communications

- Examining scheduling and staffing options to control costs and stabilize open shift exposure.
- Exploring options for possible regionalization of Communications Center.

12. Training

- CPD to host CIRMA Emergency Vehicle Defensive Driving Course.
- Officers Harkins and Recchia completed DARE Officer Training in August.
- Officers Lombardo and Brymer to attend Sirchie Crime Scene Processing class in September (free of charge).
- Frey and K9 Sonny Successfully received 2nd national re-certification for police working dog from the North American Police Working Dog Association (NAPWDA).
- Dispatcher Clados attended APCO Conference in August.
- Corporals DePietro and O'Brien continued with Operator training on new Marine Unit.

13. Community Outreach and Charities during the month of August:

- Meeting with Citizens (4)– DeMaio.
- Families Helping Families photo with Funktion Fitness – DeMaio, Hidek.
- REACT Meeting – Mangs
- Safety Day – DeMaio, Hidek, Dunn, Pellegrini, Strunjo, Corbin Frey & K9 Sonny.
- Scam Patrol – DeMaio.
- Pete Mezzetti Show – DeMaio.
- Meeting with Parents of Freshmen entering Morgan – DeMaio, Mangs
- Clinton Summerfest and Fireworks – Majority of CPD Personnel.
- R.A.D Classes – Matakaetis, Recchia.
- Meetings with Public Schools Staff (6) - DeMaio
- Shared Services Meeting – DeMaio, Niles.
- Meetings with Clinton Crossing Security and management (2) - DeMaio
- D.A.R.E. Graduation - DeMaio, Harkins, Recchia.
- Welcome Back to School – Mangs, Harkins, Corbin, Recchia.
- Meeting with Eagle Scout / Signage project (2) – DeMaio.
- CT FBINAA Executive Board Meeting – DeMaio.

14. Upcoming Events:

- Chamard Half Marathon – October 7th.
- Black Friday Weekend – November 22nd-25th.