

MINUTES  
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
October 15, 2018

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

Also present: Chief DeMaio

Guests: J. Scherban and Mr. and Mrs. Carmody

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

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

Commission Awareness:

- Comments from the public: None
- Civilian Service Award:
  - Chief DeMaio read the accounting of Tom Carmody's actions during the flooding on September 25, 2018.
  - Tom Carmody was presented with the Civilian Service Award for his bravery.

Traffic Authority:

- Clinton Volunteer Fire Department's annual Boot Drive:
  - A motion was made by P. Sengle, seconded by L. Hidek to approve the Fire Department's Boot Drive Application for November 23, 2018 with rain dates of November 24, 2018 or December 1, 2018. The motion carried unanimously.
- Grove Street Crosswalk update:
  - To accommodate the necessary crosswalk between Grove Street and Stevens Road, adjustments to the curbing need to be made, drainage work done and signage installed
  - C. Allen is aware of this work and the time needed to complete it
  - Request made to DPW for work to be done

Correspondence:

- Thank you to Officer Brymer from S. Parker
- Chamber Board of Directors presenting Award of Distinction for Public Service to Officer Frey
- Thank you from Shoreline Community Women to Officers Matakaetis and Recchia for RAD
- Thank you to Chief DeMaio from South Central Criminal Justice Administration
- Thank you to Officer Frey during the September rain storm from Mr. and Mrs. Bevins
- Steward's Ace Hardware announced they recently sponsored the Police Department in their Round-Up donation campaign.
  - They received \$480 which will be contributed to the DARE program
- The Police Department is being recognized by three different organizations:
  - CPCA Valor Award was presented to Sgt Carlson, Cpl Strunjo, Officer Matakaetis and Officer Torino
  - Clinton Chamber of Commerce is presenting Officer Frey with the Award of Distinction for Public Service
  - US Attorney is presenting Chief DeMaio with the Community Policing Award
- Commissioner Sengle wrote an article about the September 25<sup>th</sup> flooding in Clinton

Minutes of the Regular Meetings of August 13, 2018 and September 10, 2018 and the Special Meeting Minutes of September 17, 2018 and October 2, 2018:

- A motion was made by E. Tessman, seconded by P. Sengle to approve the minutes of the Regular Meetings of August 13, 2018 and September 10, 2018 and the Special Meeting Minutes of September 17, 2018 as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

- A motion was made by E. Tessman, seconded by L. Hidek to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of October 2, 2018 as submitted. The motion carried with a vote of 4 in favor and 1 abstention (D. Morelli).

Review of line item accounts:

- Sgt Jakober is attending the FBINA academy creating an open patrol slot
  - This may affect the overtime line item

Chief's Report:

Chief DeMaio hit on highlights of the September State of the Department as follows:

- ICRV radio is working on a second radio program dealing with various issues to include but not be limited to the opioid crisis, safety (traffic) and human trafficking
- The doctors are re-evaluating Sonny to determine if surgery is necessary
  - Sonny will not be deployed for tracking or bite work, but can continue to do narcotic work
- The Chief had a large turnout for the FBINAA South Central Region luncheon he hosted at the Country Club
- Officers Gorski and Massey were sworn in on October 1, 2018 and started the academy on October 5, 2018
- MACO Sheehan is making a big impact, interacting with residents, initiating programs, educating pet owners and creating a handbill listing the laws and available resources
- Sgt Jakober began his training/education at the FBI academy on October 1, 2018
- Developing the budget has begun
- The boat is running well and will be kept in the water until January 2, 2019, the end of duck season
  - Training of the crew continues
- There was positive feedback regarding the Charmard Half Marathon
  - Chief DeMaio will provide the Commission with a debriefing of this race next meeting

Shield Radar:

- Chief DeMaio attended the IACP conference and brought back information regarding radar units
- All Traffic Solutions sell radar units that attach to poles, collect data and download data to phones
- The cost of each unit is \$5,400, the department has \$5,500 in the radar budget line item

Neighborhood Watch:

- Cpl Varone is working to re-develop this program
  - He will submit a program proposal which will be presented to the Police Commission for approval
  - D. Morelli suggested areas with a Neighbor Watch program appoint a Neighborhood Captain

New Business: None

General Department Discussion:

D. Morelli:

- OT was kept at a reasonable level last month
- Provide the Police Commissioners with the monthly/daily totals by incident by officer
- Have each officer log the start miles and end miles for his shift

P. Niles:

- Have the chief take these suggestions under advisement and leave it to him to determine whether these are worthy to pursue. Discussion ensued.

P. Sengle:

- Questioned the ramp at the new CVS
  - DOT has been at the site numerous times and has signed off on the project

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EXECUTIVE SESSION  
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Executive Session:

A motion was made by E. Tessman, seconded by P. Sengle to move into Executive Session at 6:48 p.m. for the purposes of discussing Personnel Contracts inviting Chief DeMaio. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board of Police Commissioners came out of Executive Session at 7:23 p.m.

Actions taken:

A motion was made by L. Hidek, seconded by E. Tessman to accept and approve the changes to the Clinton Police Department Employment Agreement for the Division Commander. The motion carried with a vote of 4 in favor and 1 abstention (D. Morelli).

A motion was made by E. Tessman, seconded by L. Hidek to send the approved Clinton Police Department Employment Agreement for the Division Commander to the Board of Selectmen for their final approval. The motion carried with a vote of 4 in favor and 1 abstention (D. Morelli).

A motion was made by E. Tessman, seconded by L. Hidek to approve and renew the contract for Wendy McDermott as Administrative Assistant for a period of three years with an initial \$1.00 an hour increase and send the contract to the Board of Selectmen for final approval. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by E. Tessman, seconded by L. Hidek to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Tessman  
Board of Police Commissioners  
Secretary

Cpl Strunjo,

9-27-2018

On Sept 25, 2018 at 2234, Tom Carmody radioed that he was on Ironworks Road where the road was flooded and a vehicle had become disabled in the floodwaters. He reported that the vehicle was occupied by a woman and that he was going to try to evacuate the woman. Carmody requested PD respond to block the road because previously replaced barricades had been washed away by the rapidly rising water.

At 22:37, Carmody radioed to Mike Neff that he needed help evacuating the woman in the car as the car was about to swept away. Carmody was facing flood waters that were rising with unbelievable quickness. He later told me that he estimated the river was flowing at 40 miles per hour and that he was barely able to stand against the force of the water.

Mike Neff misunderstood Carmody's message, telling Carmody that homeowners on high ground can stay in place until additional resources arrive.

Tom Carmody went well above his duty as a Public Works Employee. He waded through flood waters that were strong enough to knock him over, and without benefit of any protective, floatation, or any other type of safety gear, Carmody rescued the woman from her car and carried her to safety.

I believe that Tom Carmody should be recognized for his actions and bravery displayed in this rescue.



Marc Catalano

## STATE of the DEPARTMENT – September 2018

### OPERATIONS

1. Social Media / Outreach
  - Currently, 3,000 followers on CPD's Facebook page.
  - "Scam Patrol" radio program continues on ICRV radio. One-year anniversary show aired in August. Working on second show, ABP which would focus on a number of police and community issues.
  
2. K9 Program
  - K9 Sonny has a torn ACL, which may require surgery: 16-week recovery: Still able to perform Narcotics Detection work after brief recovery period.
  - Over 25,000 followers on K9 Sonny's Instagram Page (3<sup>rd</sup> largest following of police working dog in the country).
  
3. Shoreline Technical Crimes Investigative Group / South Central Regional
  - FBINAA South Central Region to host luncheon at Clinton Country Club in October.
  
4. Personnel
  - Officers Gorski and Massey to be sworn-in on October 1<sup>st</sup> and begin the 363<sup>rd</sup> Session of the POSTC Academy on October 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - New MACO, Ryan Sheehan to begin working full-time on October 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Sgt. Jakober begins FBI National Academy Session 274 on October 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - All Department personnel are on full-duty status.
  - Carlson, Strunjo, Matakaetis & Torino received CT Valor Award from Connecticut Police Chiefs Association on September 27<sup>th</sup> in Wethersfield.
  
5. Budget
  - Beginning to formulate Fiscal Year 2019-2020 operational budgets for Police, Communications and Animal Control.
  
6. Investigations
  - 31 new cases opened in September. 53 open cases under investigation (see attached).
  - CPD is hosted 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 continue.

## Support Services

### 8. Contracts & Vendors

- Negotiations with Communications Union continue. Initial proposals have been exchanged.
- Town Pension Committee voted change the benefits of the Non-Union Pension Plan for any new participants to mirror Police Union Pension Plan.
- CIRMA has notified the us that the pilot program with the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CLAEA), to reduce risk exposure and identify operational and policy weaknesses, should begin by year's end.

### 9. Software and Technology

- E-printers have been installed in four Ford patrol vehicles. Currently awaiting software licensing from the State to be operational.
- Will be ordering speed monitoring and warning signs. We have identified the vendor as All Traffic Solutions.

### 10. Fleet

- Anticipated delivery date for new vehicles (3) has been pushed up to mid-November.
- Radar units to be moved to Fords with e-printers installed.
- Unit #4 was damaged when driving under the Hull St. underpass. Awaiting insurance determination of repair or total loss.

### 11. Communications

- Exploring options for possible regionalization of Communications Center.

### 12. Training

- CPD to host CIRMA Emergency Vehicle Defensive Driving Course.
- Officer Smith and Corporal Varone completed CIRMA training on safe operations of Emergency vehicles.
- Officers Lombardo and Brymer completed Sirchie Crime Scene Processing class in September (free of charge).
- Corporals DePietro and O'Brien and Officer Matakaetis continued with Operator training on new Marine Unit.
- Low-light firearms training to occur Department-wide in October.

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

- Meeting with Citizens (3)– DeMaio.
- Families Helping Families Board Meeting– DeMaio, Hidek.
- REACT Meeting – Mangs
- PIC Meeting - Mangs.
- Crisis Advisory Board (CAB) meeting – DeMaio, Mangs.

- Chamard Half-Marathon – 10 CPD Personnel.
- Meetings with Public Schools Staff (2) – DeMaio.
- Meeting with Rotary Club – DeMaio, Pellegrini.
- Promotional Panel for Branford PD Captains & Lieutenants – DeMaio.
- Meeting with Clinton Crossing Security and management – DeMaio.
- Car Seat Clinic – Strunjo, Smith, Clados.
- Police Youth Group – Sepega, Mangs, Torino.
- PAC Annual Convention - DeMaio, Recchia.
- CT FBINAA Executive Board Meeting – DeMaio.

14. Upcoming Events:

- Black Friday Weekend – November 22<sup>nd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>.
- Christmas in Clinton – December 2<sup>nd</sup>.