

**SUFFIELD POLICE COMMISSION**

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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING, FEBRUARY 19, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Suffield Police Commission was held on February 19, 2014 at 911 Mountain Road, Suffield, CT.

**Present:** Chairman, Kevin Armata, Vice Chairman, Kenneth Pascoe, Clerk, Linda Stevenson.

**Commissioners:** Matt Joyal, Jeff Davis, and Jack Quinn.

**Also Present:** Chief Michael Manzi, Captain Craig Huntley, K-9 Officer Osowiecki and Recording Secretary Karen Doyon.

Chairman Armata Called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

**I. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Clerk Stevenson read aloud the correspondence received through the months of January and February. They were as follows:

- Thank you card to Chief Manzi and the Department from Robin Bond in appreciation for the flowers sent at the loss of her husband. The late Mr. Richard Bond was a Lieutenant with the Windsor Police Department.
- Thank you card to Detective Fuller from Angela Marescoe for the time and effort he put forth in her recent fraud case.
- Thank you letter from the State Fire Administrator, Geoffrey Morset to Chief Manzi, on behalf of the Connecticut Fire Academy's Recruit Firefighter training program instructors and staff, for allowing the 2013 recruit firefighter trainees to tour the Dispatch Center during their communication session of training. The CT State Fire Marshall met with Chief Manzi and Captain Huntley during the beginning of February to discuss possible implementation.
- Thank you email from Merrilee Leonhardt, M.D. in appreciation for the help she received from Officer Justin Nelson and Officer Chevalier in response to a call with a difficult patient.
- Thank you letter from Samuel E Brendler, M.D. in appreciation for Chief Manzi and Captain Huntley's involvement in bringing awareness to seniors regarding scams. Mr. Brendler put together a safety seminar and invited the Police Chief, Fire Chief, and the Ambulance Chief; it was a huge success.
- Email to the Commissioners sent via the Town Website from Chief Manzi regarding the latest mobile scam.

**II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – PRESENTATION**

No public participation

### III. PREVIOUS MINUTES

Chairman Armata asked if the Commission had any questions or revisions to the previously submitted January 15, 2014 meeting minutes. Mr. Davis requested two amendments. They are as follows:

- Page 1, 4<sup>th</sup> bullet of Brian Fitzgerald's presentation; the word "Grand" needs to be changed to "Grant."
- Page 2, 1<sup>st</sup> bullet of Chief Manzi's report; the word "inelegance" needs to be change to "intelligence."

Mr. Quinn made the motion to accept the amended minutes, seconded by Clerk Stevenson. Motion carried unanimously.

### IV. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

**Budget:** *Chief Manzi-routine business. The police budget will be presented at the next Town Meeting on **\*\*March 17, 2014 at 7:00.*** The Chief stated that for the past ten years the operation side of the budget has been cut, leaving very little left. The department has a means to appropriate through the instability in payroll, i.e. military leave, workers compensation etc., a process Chief Manzi said does not always happen.

Mr. Joyal asked if the equipment line item has been appropriated. The Chief responded yes, within the ammunition line item due to the new gun law.

Chief Manzi stated that an ACCE project for a new fingerprint machine is in order.

Mr. Joyal asked how much money was requested for police cruisers. The Chief responded \$60,000. Mr. Joyal asked if a third vehicle would be ordered this year. The Chief responded, yes.

Discussion followed regarding the upcoming budget meeting.

*Captain Huntley presented the following:*

- Overtime budge is up due to the winter storms, vacation time, paternity leave, and military leave.
- Line items in this month's budget report are not exact, due to a grant deposit.
- Overall budget for the month of February is where it needs to be.

**Activity:** Mr. Quinn asked the Chief to clarify the totals on the Comp Stat report. Mr. Davis asked for clarification on the "year to date" column on the same report. Chief Manzi then clarified.

**Detective:** Chief Manzi stated that the packet for March would include a detective report.

**K-9:** Officer Osowiecki thanked Chairman Armata for allowing him to use one of his own buildings to store all of his K-9 supplies. The storage building is located in Windsor Locks. Officer Osowiecki reiterated his gratitude for the use of the storage building. Discussion followed regarding volunteer hours and training hours.

Mr. Quinn made the motion to accept the department reports, seconded by Chairman Armata. Motion carried unanimously.

## **V. CHIEFS REPORT**

Items offered in Chief Manzi's report and items added to his report were as follow:

- The Chief stated that there is a new telephone spoofing scam that has been plaguing the New England area. The call number that appears on your phone has an 809 area code with the origin being Antigua, Aruba, Barbados, or the Dominican Republic. Chief Manzi reported that the incoming call does not go through long enough for you to answer, and most people callback the number. The number is an adult pornographic line, charging up to \$40.00 an hour, which is then billed to your cell phone carrier. The Chief strongly advised not to return any calls if you do not know who is calling.
- The Chief reported on the recent armed robbery at the Valero Gas Station, at the intersection of Thompsonville Road and East Street North. He stated that Detective Fuller obtained an arrest warrant for the suspect, with information provided by the Chicopee Police. Jeffrey Nentwig of 735 Memorial Drive, Chicopee, MA was charged with Robbery 1<sup>st</sup>, Larceny 6<sup>th</sup> and Brandishing a Facsimile Firearm.

Mr. Quinn made the motion to accept the Chief's report, seconded by Clerk Stevenson. Motion carried unanimously.

## **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

Clerk Stevenson asked if all the Commission members received their packets electronically. Everyone responded yes, except for Chairman Armata. The recording secretary stated that she would look into it.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

Chief Manzi spoke of the accident regarding Lloyd Folsom of Folsom Construction, and one of his employees who were fatally electrocuted on the morning of February 19<sup>th</sup> while working to remove/relocate snow.

## **VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments.

## **IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Quinn made the motion to go into executive session to discuss a disciplinary matter, seconded by Vice Chairman Pascoe at 7:53 p.m.

Mr. Joyal made the motion to come out of executive session at 8:30 p.m., seconded by Mr. Quinn.

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**X. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the regular February 19, 2014 meeting at 8:31 p.m.

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Chairman Kevin Armata