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MINUTES
POLICE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 26, 2009

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Police Commission was called to order at 7:30 P.M. in the Police Department Training Room of the Simsbury Town Offices. Present were Chairman Edward Cosgrove, Commissioners Carl Eisenmann, Harvey Goodfriend and Brendan Walsh; Chief Peter Ingvertsen and Captain Matthew Catania.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

Commissioner Goodfriend read the Summary of Letters received since the last Regular Meeting of the Commission on April 28, 2009. (Addendum 1)

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Goodfriend made a motion seconded by Commissioner Walsh and passed unanimously to approve the Minutes of the April 28, 2009 Regular Meeting as written.

4. PUBLIC AUDIENCE

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

5. OLD BUSINESS

Captain Catania reported that Sgt. Boulter had attended a Regional Dispatch meeting at which the need for a building addition to the Avon Police Department to accommodate the Regional Dispatch operation and cost sharing aspects for the addition were discussed.

In response to questions from the Commission, Chief Ingvertsen and Captain Catania reviewed the impact of Regional Dispatch on the Simsbury Police Department including the following:

- Loss of services to Town residents
- The need for a redundant system
- Differences in services provided by the three towns
- Staffing levels
- Cost sharing
- Governance of operation
- Costs

In response to Chairman Cosgrove's request from the Commission, Chief Ingvertsen said he would look into the possibility of regional dispatch with the Town of Granby.

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In response to Chairman Cosgrove and Commissioner Goodfriend, Chief Ingvertsen said the department's newest officer started field training and would complete training early September; and while there are six sworn officers eligible for retirement, no retirements are anticipated in the near future.

In response to Chairman Cosgrove and Commissioner Goodfriend, Chief Ingvertsen and Captain Matthew Catania discussed the new heart and hypertension statutes and department efforts to maintain fitness levels for sworn personnel.

In response to Commissioner Goodfriend, Chief Ingvertsen said that National Accreditation activities have slowed because of the elimination of the Administrative Captain's position responsible for Accreditation, the Records Clerk position vacancy and the resignation of a Police Clerk working on Accreditation. Chief Ingvertsen said he hoped to achieve National Accreditation by 2011.

6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

None.

7. REPORTS

a. Chairman's Report

None

b. Chief's Report

In response to the Commission, Chief Ingvertsen reviewed the Expenditure Status Report for April noting the overages in overtime and gasoline. He reiterated that the department would come in on target for FY 08-09.

Commissioner Goodfriend noted the increase in miles patrolled and the impact on fuel costs.

Chief Ingvertsen reported on the asset forfeiture from bank accounts related to the recent drug arrest.

In response to Commissioner Walsh, Chief Ingvertsen said the department would also receive asset forfeiture funds from property, i.e. the house, vehicles, etc. related to the arrest.

c. Consolidated Monthly Report – April 2009 (Addendum 2)

In response to Commissioner Goodfriend, Chief Ingvertsen said the increase in activity may be due to the increase in sworn personnel.

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8. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Eisenmann noted his observations of pedestrians walking on the wrong side of the street; bicycles riding opposing traffic, and suggested signage to alert cyclists to use bike paths when available.

Chief Ingvertsen noted the “bike path” has become multipurpose for pedestrians, cyclists, rollerbladers, skate boarders, etc.

Commissioner Walsh noted that cyclists often fail to obey traffic signs causing potentially dangerous situations for drivers.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Goodfriend made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Eisenmann and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Cosgrove, Chairman

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