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MINUTES
POLICE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 16, 2008

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 Michael Long; Chief Peter Ingvertsen. Board of Selectman Liaison Robert Hensley joined the meeting at 7:50 P.M.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

Commissioner Goodfriend read the Summary of Letters received since the last Regular Meeting of the Commission on October 28, 2008. (Addendum 1)

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Goodfriend made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Eisenmann and passed unanimously to approve the Minutes of the October 28, 2008 meeting as written.

Commissioner Eisenmann made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Long and passed unanimously to approve the Minutes of the November 25, 2008 meeting as written.

4. PUBLIC AUDIENCE

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

5. OLD BUSINESS

Non-Emergency Interagency Agreement

Chief Ingvertsen reported that the Non-Emergency Agreement remained essentially the same as the second draft presented to the Police Commission; and the Operational Guidelines were revised to include the recommendations of the Police Commission. Chief Ingvertsen asked the Commission to vote on forwarding the agreement to the Board of Selectmen.

Commissioner Long made a motion to forward the Non-Emergency Interagency Agreement to the Board of Selectmen for consideration provided that the Operational Guidelines are executed by the Police Chiefs involved in the agreement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Goodfriend.

Commissioner Goodfriend expressed his concerns regarding the differences in operational criteria of the towns involved in the agreement.

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Chief Ingvertsen responded that with the exception of Hartford, the Simsbury Police Department is already working with Avon, Bloomfield, Canton, Farmington, Granby, Suffield, Windsor and Windsor Locks as part of the North Central Regional Agreements and that there are no significant concerns or problems. Chief Ingvertsen said that as of this date neither Simsbury nor Canton have approved participation in the Non-Emergency Interagency Agreement.

In response to Chairman Cosgrove, Chief Ingvertsen said that the Town of Simsbury could decide at any time not to continue to participate in the agreement.

After discussion the motion passed unanimously.

6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

None.

7. REPORTS

a, Chairman's Report

None.

b. Chief's Report

Chief Ingvertsen reported on preliminary discussions regarding dispatch regionalization stating that State funds are available to accomplish this since the State is attempting to decrease the number of PSAPs. He further stated that currently the towns of Avon, Canton, and Simsbury are involved in these discussions. The Chief explained the related issues involved with detainees; and the different requirements for courts used by Avon and Canton and the courts used by Simsbury. Chief Ingvertsen said the regional dispatch center would be located in Avon because of their new radio system. He further expressed his concern that Simsbury residents would no longer have face-to-face contact with dispatchers.

Chief Ingvertsen reported that repairs for the lightning damage to the radio system in July of this year are to be paid from the department's operating budget. The cost of the repairs is approximately \$7,800.00.

Chief Ingvertsen reported that budget worksheets are to be submitted to the First Selectman's office by January 15, 2009.

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c. Consolidated Monthly Report – October 2008 (Addendum 2)

Commissioner Goodfriend noted the increase in summonses and the decrease in verbal warnings. Chief Ingvertsen said that there has been a significant decrease in phone calls and e-mails requesting traffic enforcement since instituting the dedicated traffic officer position.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Meeting Schedule – 2009

The Commission discussed the proposed meeting schedule. It was the consensus of the Commission to table the vote on the meeting schedule until a Special Meeting in January, date to be discussed.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Long made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Eisenmann and passed unanimously to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:42 P.M. and to include Chief Ingvertsen.

The Commission adjourned from Executive Session and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 9:10 P.M.

After discussion, the date of January 8, 2009 at 8:00 A.M. was set for the Special Meeting – moved by Commissioner Eisenmann, seconded by Commissioner Goodfriend and passed unanimously.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Long made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Eisenmann and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Cosgrove, Chairman

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