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POLICE COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY - July 28, 2008
Meeting Room 3 - 6:30p.m.

Members Present: Bill Otfinoski, Art Standish, Glen Morran
John Jones, Jim Stavola

Others Present: First Selectman Linda Hodge, Selectman Stan Soby,
Tpr. Rob Girard and Jonathan Laflamme from Scout Troop 13 working on his
Citizenship in Community Badge

B. Otfinoski Called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1. **Citizens Comments** - None
2. **Review Correspondence** - B. Otfinoski talked about the Accident Investigation Training for Supervisors. They had a short discussion if they should send an officer to that training. It was decided not to send one at this time.
3. **Approve Minutes** - A. Standish **MOTIONED** to approve the minutes of June 23,2008. **SECONDED** by J. Stavola. Two abstentions **MOTION CARRIED**. A. Standish **MOTIONED** to approve the minutes of July 15,2008 Special Meeting **SECONDED** by J. Stavola All members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**.
4. **Budget Review** - B. Otfinoski reviewed the budget for 2008/2009.
5. **Appropriations and Transfers** - None.
6. **Resident Trooper Report and Monthly Statistics**
Tpr. Girard reported that there were seven high profile cases taken by Officers Owens, Dumigan, Passacantando, Kelo and Green from Criminal Mischief, Sex Assault, Narcotics, Untimely Death/Suicide and Burglaries. D.U.I. Accidents, and other reportable cases were up this month. Recruit Watrous will graduate from the Police Academy on August 21,2008 he successfully passed defensive tactics and EMS. Most impressively, he scored a perfect 100 on his accident investigation test. Car 8 has been re-wired and the new black and white cruiser should be on the road by August 1st.

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June's motor vehicle statistics have greatly improved over last month. The officer's efforts have been greatly appreciated.

D.U.I. Spot Check was conducted on July 01, 2008 on Rt.16 at Rt.2. Over 40 motor vehicle violations were issued but there were no D.U.I. arrests. Officer Owens did have a D.U.I. arrest during the roving patrol. Statistics for May and June were handed out.

7. Old Business

- a. **Status of Cruisers** - Car 8 is complete with all the wiring and the battery problem is fixed. The new Black and White cruiser will be complete by August 1st. J. Jones stated that M. Scranton had a very difficult time with the wiring and he has a ball of wires leftover. Marc Tate the towns I.T. person now has the software to fix the computers in the cruisers if they ever go down. He cannot fix NEXGEN problems.
- b. **Black and White Cruiser** - The new cruiser will be completed by August 1st.
- c. **Defibrillator Guidelines** - After a discussion the commission set the guidelines.
 1. Colchester Police Officers, per state statute 19a-197b, are authorized to use the (AED) Automatic external Defibrillators. Officers will not be dispatched to a medical situation as an R/1 responder.
 2. Officers must have a current MRT certification to operate an AED.
 3. AED units will be checked quarterly for the state of charge on the battery and the expiration date on the pads.
- d. **Officer of the Year Criteria** - G. Morran discussed some options and will put them in writing for review at next months meeting. J. Jones will help with the criteria
- e. **Mission / Vision** - B. Otfinoski handed out a statement for the commission to review. J. Jones **MOTIONED** to accept is the Mission/Vision Statement. **SECONDED** by J. Stavola. All members present voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**
- f. **Cruiser Safety Inspection** - G. Morran handed out an inspection form. He will be talking to Sgt. Hassett before implementing it.

8. New Business

- a. **OFC Report from Officer Suchecki** - Officer Suchecki reported that during the year 2007/2008 he instructed DARE to 10 5th grade classes (250 students) for a ten week course. He also conducts the "Kid Safe" program, which involves the creation of a license quality ID card for Colchester children. This year approximately 100 5th grade students participated in the program with the parental permission. He is working with Troiano's to set up a "Kid Safe" event at the dealership in the fall.
- b. **Equipment List for Cruisers** - G. Morran will be checking out the cruisers to see what the officers have in them. He will present a complete list of items to be carried in each cruiser at the next meeting.
- c. **Incorporation of New Rules and Regulations** - B. Otfinoski asked if a commission member could get the Bike Patrol, Off Duty Weapon, Shot Gun and any other policy that was drafted by the commission to be put into the Regulations and Regulations. J. Stavola volunteered to complete this assignment.

9. **Citizens Comments** - Scout Jonathan Laflamme said he was very impressed with the commission and all the things they talked about. Selectman Stan Soby suggested that the officers patrol neighborhoods between the hours of 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Additions to Agenda - B. Otfinoski **MOTIONED** to add Canine Patrol Discussion A. Standish **SECONDED**. All members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**.

- a. **Canine Patrol Discussion** - The commission discussed the possibility of a canine. There are grants available from various places. A. Standish will be looking into the grants and what it would cost the town for a long-term commitment. First selectman Linda Hodge said that all grants have to be approved by the Board of Selectman.

11. **Adjourn** - J. Jones **MOTIONED** to adjourn at 08:30 p.m. **SECONDED** by Art Standish. All members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ellen Yacono, Administrative Assistant