

MINUTES
POLICE COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY - August 25, 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; Board
of Finance-John Ringo, Sgt. Hassett, Officer's Kelo and Watrous

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

1. **Citizens Comments** - Officer Watrous was introduced to the commission. He said that he was glad to be out of the academy and is doing his Field Training.
2. **Review Correspondence** - None
3. **Approve Minutes** - J. Jones **MOTIONED** to approve the minutes of July 28, 2008. **SECONDED** by G. Morran. All members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
4. **Budget Review** - The Commission reviewed the budget printed on August 25, 2008.
5. **Appropriations and Transfers** - None.
6. **Resident Trooper Report and Monthly Statistics**
Sgt. Hassett reported there were seven high profile cases. Officer Labonte is working on burglaries from vehicles on Crestview, Kennedy and Dr. Foote Rd. Officer Dumigan had a harassment case with a female and the ex-boyfriend who wouldn't stop texting her. It was later found out that she had text the ex-boyfriend over 30 times. The harassment complaint was then dropped. Officer's Kelo and Passacantando saw two kids hanging out behind CVS. The officers thought they saw them throw something in the bushes. The kids were warned about trespassing and let go. The Officer's left the area and decided to come back later. They located the kids and did a pat down and they were in possession of marijuana. The kids said they threw the pot into the bushes when they saw the police and later came back to get it.
Officer Edwards investigated a criminal mischief complaint at Bacon Academy a REDNECK plate was found on the property. Officer Edwards did a great job finding the person who did the damage.

Officer Edwards is investigating a Burglary on Old Hebron Rd. at the Driving Range where Golf Clubs and Bags were taken. The same building was broken into the next night. Officer Owens noticed two motorcycles driving erratically on Rt. 16. He stopped the motorcycle and was about to get out of his vehicle when the motorcycle took off. Officer Owens did get a plate and identified the owner who later turned himself in along with the other motorcycle driver. Officer Kelo responded to an assault of a neighbor on Lebanon Ave. and arrested D. Spaulding. Not out of the ordinary but this person had been arrested for assault the night before for the same thing and again for assaulting his 16yr old girlfriend. August Statistics up to today 8 DUI Arrests, 18 Accidents, 3 Narcotics Arrests and 27 other cases. Motor Vehicle tickets written are 283.

Cars 7 and 8 have been rewired and Cars 6 and 5 will be completed in a few weeks. Recruit Regnere is doing well in the academy. Labor Day DUI Patrols will be implemented along with continuing speed enforcement.

7. Old Business

- a. **Status of Cruisers** - Cars 7 and 8 have been rewired and Cars 6 and 5 will be completed in a few weeks. After a discussion J. Jones **MOTIONED** to retire car 1. **SECONDED** by A. Standish. All members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**
- b. **Black and White Cruiser** - The cruiser is on the road but the computer and radio are not programmed by the State Police yet. The other new cruiser will be delivered tomorrow.
- c. **Defibrillator Guidelines** - The commission set the guidelines last month.
- d. **Officer of the Year Criteria** - G. Morran handed out a draft. The commission will review the draft. Tabled until next months meeting.
- e. **Mission / Vision** - This was passed last month
- f. **Cruiser Safety Inspection Form** - After a short discussion J. Jones **MOTIONED** to adopt the form and implement it as soon as possible. **SECONDED** by G. Morran. All members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

8. New Business

- a. **OFC Report from Officer Edwards** - Officer Edwards was unable to make the meeting due another commitment.
- b. **Equipment List for Cruisers** - G. Morran handed out a list that he thought should be in all the cruisers. The commission will review the list. Tabled until next months meeting.

- c. **Incorporation of New Rules and Regulations** - J. Stavola was unable to get the list of changes. Tabled until next months meeting.
- d. **Patrol Hats / Dress Uniform** - the commission discussed the different categories of uniforms. Class A is the dress uniform with a dress Coat. Class B is the dress uniform with black tie and no dress Coat. Class C is the everyday uniform with web gear and baseball hat. Class D would be a Jumpsuit with baseball hat for road jobs only. J. Jones **MOTIONED** to get baseball hats pending the approval of the style and brand. **SECONDED** by J. Morran. All members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**
- e. **Discuss Promotion Criteria** - Selectman Stan Soby suggested that we table this until there is a clarification from the Town Council. After a short discussion J. Stavola **MOTIONED** The Town Attorney attend the next Police Commission meeting on September 22, 2008 to explain the reason as to why the Police Commission cannot discuss promotions, steps, and criteria. **SECONDED** by G. Morran. All members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
- f. **Cruiser Maintenance**(Steve Sharpe)-Steve was unable to attend this meeting.

9. **Citizens Comments** - None

Additions to Agenda - J. Stavola **MOTIONED** to add **G. Town of Colchester Press Releases** and **H. Badge for Fundraiser**. G. Morran **SECONDED**. All members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

g. Town of Colchester Press Releases - J. Stavola handed out a sample of a press release packet for review by the commission. After the releases are written it will be given to Sgt. Hassett for review and then the First Selectman Linda Hodge will have the final review. J. Stavola **MOTIONED** to implement news releases that are in the best interest of the Town of Colchester and the Colchester Police. **SECONDED** by J. Jones. All members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

h. Badges for Police Fundraiser - J. Stavola showed the commission a copy of a badge that would be used for a fundraiser. The commission would also like to see a copy of the patch to decide which one should be used. Tabled until next months meeting.

11. **Adjourn** - J. Jones **MOTIONED** to adjourn at 08:50 p.m. **SECONDED** by G. Morran. All members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen Yacono, Administrative Assistant