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A regular meeting of the Stamford Police Commission was held on Monday, February 3 2014 at 5:00pm at Stamford Police Headquarters.

Present at the meeting were Commissioners Abbazia, Figueroa, Palmer and Thomas. Chief Fontneau, Assistant Chiefs Matheny and Shaw, Director Jankowski, Lt. Barcello, Sgts. Devanney and Pinto, Robert Murray from HR, Captain Erickson, SPA President Todd Lobraico, SPA Attorney Kevin Grecco, Lt. Noto, and Amy LiVolsi, Assistant Corporation Counsel for the City of Stamford.

Police Commissioners Timothy Abbazia, Roberto Figueroa, Cheryl Palmer and Milton Thomas were sworn in by Mayor David Martin.

The meeting was called to order at 5:09pm by Commissioner Abbazia. Commissioner Abbazia asked for a MOTION to be made for the position of Chairman for the Police Commission. Commissioner Thomas made a MOTION to appoint Commissioner Abbazia to the position of Chairman seconded by Commissioner Figueroa. All were in favor by a vote of 4-0.

#### Review of Minutes

The minutes were reviewed and Commissioner Palmer made a MOTION to accept the minutes from the previous meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Thomas. Commissioners Abbazia and Figueroa abstained.

Amy LiVolsi presented an update of the Freedom of Information laws.

#### Good Conduct by Officers:

Chief Fontneau stated that Chief Gaudette sent a letter of thanks to us on January 21, 2014 recognizing Officer Erin Trew's actions to stop a fleeing suspect with a kidnap victim on I-95 out of Bridgeport.

The Police Department closed 7 Massage Parlors within the City and is working to close two others.

Assistant Chief Shaw recognized Officer L. Vidal that on December 19, 2013 at around 3:30pm

a resident was walking in the area of 60 Atlantic Street when he was jumped by a group of youths from the Academy on North Street. Officer Vidal on his way to work saw this incident and got out of his personal vehicle and apprehended the lead assailant.

Assistant Chief Matheny reviewed the threat that was made to Westhill High School. Officers were called to Lawn Avenue to a man who had a gun. Officers apprehended the suspect who was suspected at the time to be on his way to shoot his girlfriend and the threats against the high school were taken very seriously. Officer Bob Somody recovered the gun on Lawn Avenue.

Commissioner Palmer made mention of the great work by Police Officers when one of the First County Bank branches in the City was robbed. Chief Shaw articulated on the incident that the SRT team was called to a hotel where the suspect was held up. The individual was taken into custody without incident.

Commissioner Thomas recognized the skilled work by Lt. Dohmann who talked an individual out of committing suicide with a gun.

#### Commissioners Award

Not at this time.

#### Comments from the Public

None

#### Administration and Operating

Assistant Chief Matheny stated that the Police Department as a whole did 13,249 calls for service in January 2014; made 275 arrests, had 63 MVA with injuries; 491 MVA without injuries, stopped 310 suspicious people; made 1,194 School programmed patrol stops during school days; made 4,015 motor vehicle stops. Traffic Enforcement Unit worked 23 days issued 291 tickets of which 149 were for speeding; towed 54 cars and 46 cars the night of the blizzard from snow emergency routes, stopped overweight trucks, is investigating several serious motor vehicle accidents and did an underage compliance check in a bar on Summer Street.

Assistant Chief Shaw reported on the BCI unit doing some interviews on counterfeit arrests with the Secret Service gathering \$30,000 worth of counterfeit 100 dollar bills earmarked for Stamford. A couple of strong armed robbery arrests were done. Sexual assault arrest. BCI Property will soon be split into two units one for Financial Crimes and one for Property Crimes. They made an arrest of someone scamming 6 Stamford businesses. Identity theft arrest for stealing almost \$70,000. Person arrested for personating an ATT employee in North Stamford for larceny. SVU made 41 home visits. Made 11 investigations with patrol and served 8 warrants and handled 4 missing persons investigations. Officer Robert Daly who works for the SVU was able to get a handgun off the street. Narcotics unit made 62 arrests, seized approximately \$400,000 and 10 pounds of marijuana. Doing undercover work and seized a significant amount of ecstasy molly which is new. Also working with DEA, Norwalk Police.

Chief Fontneau mentioned we hosted a security meeting with corporate security directors. Planning for a School Resource Officer camp, Mighty Might Basketball is in the planning stages beginning in March. We have our Truancy at Risk Program, Board of Education Collaborative

were our goal is to improve graduation rates. Internet Crimes Children Task Force, Young Girls Leadership Program 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> graders, very proactive with our Domestic Violence Programs, Patrol Division is very proactive as is our Traffic Squad and NOC Unit. We are starting up Meet the Chief meetings again very shortly. And continue to work with our Federal Agencies. We are now currently at 282 officers.

#### Personnel Issues

Grievance #2013-05 Capt. Erickson. Captain Erickson opted to have a public session of her grievance. SPA Attorney Kevin Grecco opened and talked a little about how the process works. He then submitted his appeal to the Chief's decision on Grievance 2013-05 along with Bob Murray from Human Resources who stated the City of Stamford's side and asked that the Commission deny the grievance. The Commission was given numerous reports and wanted to have time to review the material to make a fair decision. Commissioner Abbazia made a MOTION to have a Special Commission Meeting on February 13, 2014 at 4:00pm to continue discussion and vote on the Grievance.

#### Old/New Business:

None

Commissioner Palmer made MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 6:55pm and seconded by Commissioner Thomas.

Submitted,

*Timothy Abbazia*

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Chairman