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A regular meeting of the Stamford Police Commission was held on Monday, April 6, 2015 at 5:00pm at Stamford Police Headquarters.

Present at the meeting were Commissioners Abbazia, Figueroa, Palmer, Thomas and Lyons. Assistant Chiefs Matheny and Shaw, Lt. Cooney, Sgts. Devanney and Pinto. Chief Fontneau was not in attendance.

Meeting was called to order at 5:05pm by Commissioner Abbazia.

#### Review of Minutes

Commissioner Thomas made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 2, 2015 meeting and Commissioner Figueroa seconded. Commissioner Thomas made a motion to accept the minutes from the special meetings on March 18 and 19, 2015 and was seconded by Commissioner Palmer. Passed 3-0

#### Good Conduct by Officers:

Chief Matheny commended Sgt. Strate on his actions at the homicide on Sleepy Hollow Lane. Sgt. Strate was first on the scene and apprehended the suspect. The graffiti in the City that was tagged over 100 times and several officers from the Detective Bureau were working on this; Investigators Vetter, Moore, Pompa, Bozentko, 2 CSI officers Caserta and Brace, Sgt. DiSpagna, and from Uniform Officers Byxbee, Lorenti, Vitti and Tymon ended up arresting the person and received good information from a witness. Lorenti and Byxbee not only collared the suspect but got a warrant for another suspect and found narcotics, a large amount of cash and a pistol.

The 3 recruits that we have in the academy are all doing very well. The 6 new recruits began the academy last week. No news on them yet.

#### Comments from the Public

None

## Administration and Operating

Chief Shaw stated that NOC had 41 arrests last month and seizures of crack cocaine, marijuana, powder cocaine and \$7800.00 worth of prescription pills. \$12,000.00 in cash seizures as well as 2 weapons. They conducted several search warrants yielding the arrest of repeat offenders. In the course of the repeat offenders they were able to seize 2 firearms and also conducted an investigation into a grocery store that has been known to sell pot or cocaine and heroin. Third arrest of this store owner on Greenwich Avenue who is out on bond and has skipped bail and we are looking for him.

As far a NOC personnel we made an adjustment in the way are going to run the Narcotics and Organized Crime Unit which used to be three squads, three sergeants with three officers in each but for efficiency purposes we have consolidated the Unit to two squads with two sergeants and 4 officers in each.

Sgt. Chris Gioielli who has an architectural background is the sergeant in a new position reporting to the Chief's office working on the new police building.

BCI – Murder investigation outside of McDonalds on Bedford Street. Arrest was made with a juvenile and the co-conspirator was also arrested and a third party was arrested for hindering prosecution. Untimely death of an 8 month old at the Stamford Plaza who was found unresponsive. He fell into the space between the mattress and the wall. Very tough for officers so we had our EAP speak with the officers on the scene. Murder investigation on the 42 year old on Sleepy Hollow severely beat his mother at their house. She unfortunately took a turn for the worse during her treatment and passed away. BCI working with prosecutors to up the charge as we speak to murder. We had a DNA hit on an armed robbery at Goodwill that happened back in 2011 and the same person was charged with home invasion in Queens, NY. This person is incarcerated in Pennsylvania. We had two missing Guatemalans one was located last week, the autopsy was completed. We are in the process of interviewing witnesses again who were out with him. The found missing person was from December 2014. Embezzlement case from the Historical Society completed and Donald Hubbard was arrested.

SVU home visits are still up and they continue to do visits. Still working on the other missing Guatemalan.

Juvenile Division had 56 arrests, 2 ongoing child porn cases, 7 missing juveniles were investigated and found, 13 year old juvenile from Cloonan was arrested for bullying. This has been an ongoing situation and the last incident he was captured on video.

Chief Matheny reported we had 7900 calls for service with 200 arrests. We had a big Motor Vehicle Collision attributed to weather. We had 526 accidents with no injuries, 52 with injuries. Traffic Enforcement had a busy month with over 200 tickets, handling several major accident cases, there were awarded a \$50,000 grant for Distracted Driving campaign which they wrote 75 tickets in four hours on Elm Street. SWAT Team had two callouts, recovered a gun on a search warrant and forced entry on a suicidal person and got him out without anyone being hurt. The Hostage Negotiation Team had two successful callouts. They have a perfect record so far. The Bomb Squad went on 11 callouts. They usually get a dozen callouts per month.

We started planning the Fireworks and Alive@5 events and that gets more labor intensive as the months get closer. St. Patrick's Day Parade went off without problems just a few traffic issues downtown.

Personnel Issues

None

Old/New Business:

None

Commissioner Thomas made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Commissioner Palmer. Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Abbazia at 5:20pm

Submitted,

*Timothy Abbazia*

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Chairman

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