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A regular meeting of the Stamford Police Commission was held on Monday, August 4, 2014 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. Barcello, Sgts. Devanney and Pinto. Chief Fontneau was absent.

Commissioner Abbazia opened the meeting at 5:00pm.

Review of Minutes

Commissioner Thomas made a MOTION to accept the minutes from the Special Meeting held on July 14, 2014 and the minutes for the July 14, 2014 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Figueroa. All were in favor.

Good Conduct by Officers:

Assistant Chief Matheny mentioned how the officers have been doing some phenomenal arrests and stops. Arrests have been made with suspicious groups, motor vehicle stops. The Police Department is taking a new pro-active approach.

Commissioners Award

No awards at this time.

Comments from the Public

None

Administration and Operating

Assistant Chief Matheny said the numbers are very consistent month to month. We are averaging about 12,000 calls for service, 3,000 car stops. We did have a fatal car accident at Summer and Hoyt. Our accidents are around 500+citywide of all kinds. We made 446 arrests

we are usually at 360-370. It doesn't necessarily mean there is more crime just that we are doing a better job of addressing some neighborhood issues.

Traffic Unit Report is as follows: they wrote 265 summonses, they worked 23 days. Most days they only had two people in because of vacations. There are two investigations they are working on for fatals involving pedestrians. They did an operation with the State Truck Enforcement Unit, wrote \$25,000 worth of tickets. Conducted several details for red light and block the box violations on Elm Street, South State Street, Bulls Head. Canal Street and North State Street. They made a couple of Narcotics Arrests made off of motor vehicle stops. At this time they are recertifying all of our officers on the Drager Breathalyzer. We are now working on a new State mandated form MVA reporting. We will be training other departments regionally.

Assistant Chief Shaw gave an overview of BCI and Narcotics. We had a shooting at Tino's on West Park Place downtown. Officers were in the area and an arrest was made 3 minutes after shooting. There was an assault of a 22 year old male on top of the Bell Street Garage after Alive @ 5 with broken jaw and serious injuries to his face. Two females from Darien were walking on Tresser Blvd. and were attacked. There was a white powder incident at WWE. Ends up it was nothing but does require manpower when this type of incident comes up.

Crimes Against Property we had a larceny swindling arrest which was a gentlemen swindled \$138,000 from an elderly man. Said he was fixing his car and officers did a really great job. A Credit Card arrest, a State lab finger print hit. Counterfeit check investigation.

Youth Division and Family Services Unit had 42 new cases. 29 arrests, 8 new sexual assault investigations, and 4 missing juvenile investigations. 15 Arrests in the Special Victims Unit. The Youth Bureau had a stabbing-which was a 17 year old girl stabbed another girl in the leg. Sexual assault of a 12 year old girl. 12 year old girl who was pregnant by her step father who was arrested.

Narcotics had 66 arrests, seized \$3500 worth of crack cocaine, \$2000 in powder, \$10,000 in marijuana, \$5,000 in heroin, \$7,000 in Ecstasy and pills. \$8,000 in cash and a handgun. We are in the processing of meeting with some Federal Agencies.

Commissioner Thomas asked about the wheelchair incident and if we could get fingerprints off of the wheelchair.

Personnel Issues

Sgt. Richard Colwell is retiring on August 15, 2014.

Police Aid Perdue retired. Active list – person who ranked #1 was offered the position and accepted.

Garage Supervisor will be civilianized. The Sgt. who now supervises the garage will be put back into Patrol Division.

Chief spoke to Director Orgera about our 15 new cars that are budgeted. Hopefully in September we will be able to get them.

Commissioner Palmer asked about status of Animal Control Manager. Sgt. Pinto stated that interviews for a Kennel Maintainer were done. Lt. Montagnese and HR are working to pick a person. The Managers position has not been posted yet.

Commissioner Palmer asked about our standings with the Recruitment Drive. As of this meeting we had approximately 170 applicants.

Sgt. Devanney stated that our last test we had 288 applicants take the test. The physical agility test is being given August 23, 2014 here in Stamford.

Old/New Business:

Commissioner Abbazia talked about the Police Foundation and if there was a new President. Commissioner Figueroa asked about Tino's opening a new restaurant in the same place under a new name.

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Thomas and seconded by Commissioner Figueroa at 5:35pm to adjourn the meeting.

Submitted,

Timothy Abbazia

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Chairman