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A regular meeting of the Stamford Police Commission was held on Monday, March 2, 2015 at 5:00pm at Stamford Police Headquarters.

Present at the meeting were Commissioners Abbazia, Palmer, Thomas, Figueroa. Commissioner Lyons was absent. Chief Fontneau, Assistant Chiefs Matheny and Shaw. Lt. Cooney, Sgts. Devanney and Pinto. Lt. Hohn, Sgt. S. Scanlan, Officers Adriana Molina, J. Lynch, D. Sheperis and M. Longo

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

Review of Minutes

Minutes were reviewed and Commission Thomas made a MOTION to accept the minutes from the previous meeting seconded by Commission Figueroa. Commission Palmer abstained since she wasn't at the last meeting. Minutes were accepted.

Good Conduct by Officers:

Assistant Chief Matheny read letters of good conduct for Officer G. Jagodzinski who was given an award last month which counted toward more than 40 counts of identity theft. Officer J. Williams received an accommodation for a large drug arrest. Officer N. Petrenko and R. Cucolo responded to a call that resulted in the arrest of suspect in several car break-ins and residential burglaries in the Cove. Officers B. Cooper, C. Petrizzi and M. Montanaro made a motor vehicle stop which resulted in the seizure of more than \$10,000 in cash and 2 pounds of marijuana from a house in north Stamford. Officer B. Cooper was helping our NOC unit ended up getting into a vehicle and foot pursuit of an armed suspect. The result was one arrest with three firearms. Officer D. Rosa came into headquarters to take a normal missing juvenile report and ended up getting involved with the young man's family. Through cell phone and social media he located the young man for his family.

Assistant Chief Shaw read a commendation for Officer Adriana Molina. She was recognized as one of the most influential 50 Latinos in Connecticut. She is assigned to the Special Victims Unit where she investigates domestic, sexual and elder abuse.

Comments from the Public

None

Administration and Operating

Busy this month, Chief Fontneau told of the two missing Guatemalans from December 23, 2014 and February 14, 2015. Lt. Hohn spoke regarding the investigation going on to find the two. Both missing men were very intoxicated. Lt. Hohn said all local hospitals were checked, the SPD has been in contact with NY, NJ and Connecticut police departments. Their names and descriptions have gone out over the wire. The department has checked neighborhoods and spoken to neighbors, flyers have gone up and they were put on the SPD facebook.

Lt. Cooney stated that there will be 14 re-interviews of candidates on March 18 for the Commission and 12 new interviews on March 19th for 6 police officer positions. Lt. Cooney explained why out of 68 new candidates we only have 12 for the Commission to interview.

Chief Shaw spoke about the BCI activities; there was a shooting on Fairfield Avenue in early February. Have several suspects but no cooperation from the victim. Stabbing in Vet's Park last week – cell phone and video available. Identity theft suspect picked up from Florida for illegal use of credit cards and identification. Counterfeit case - large scale check fraud scam. Arrests were made. SVU has 17 home visits, 39 new cases, seized a couple of guns. Missing person case falls under the SVU. Youth Division had 21 arrests, 6 new assault investigations, 2 ongoing child pornography cases and 5 missing juvenile investigations. A couple High School arrests were handled by the SROs. NOC is working in conjunction with Federal Agents on a high end case. They also seized 4 pounds of marijuana, \$200 worth of Molly, in the last two months the officers seized approximately \$50,000 in cash. DEA and our officer worked a deal with two people from NJ to come up to buy cocaine, the SRT team assisted with takedown. Passenger had a gun in his hand in his lap but the person finally put his hands up.

Chief Matheny gave his report on Patrol. A Camera was set up on Stephen Street and an illegal dumper was caught and arrested. The camera gets put up in different areas of the City. It is now on the east side. Traffic Enforcement Unit working with DSSD to chart out the downtown intersections. We are working with a traffic planner that the DSSD hired. Serious and fatal traffic accidents are down in the last three months. Calls for service are consistent. February is a bad month in terms of weather. The SWAT team was activated 4 times, HNT was called out twice. Harbor unit called out 4 times and Bomb Squad called out 14 times.

Commissioner Figueroa asked how often the cameras get rotated. AC Matheny explained.

Chief Fontneau explained that we are gearing up for the summer. Along with Alive @ Five and Jazz in the park, DSSD is having an event in town June 28th where a 1,000' waterslide will be put on Prospect Street.

Chief Fontneau mentioned the table top exercise that they just had involving active shooter at the mall which went well. Several community meetings this month, NRZ told about the homeless and drug dealings going on in their community. Had an event at the Ferguson Library last week on how people should interact with the police and community. This went over well.

Made an arrest of a parent up at Roxbury School who threatened to shoot up the school because she didn't like the way her child was being treated.

The Department in looking into using body cameras. We have a lot of pros and cons. We also have an article about our racial profiling numbers, we found out that our computer was not interfacing with the State. We now have it fixed.

Personnel Issues

None

Old/New Business:

Commissioner Thomas mentioned about the Distinguished Chief's Award which Chief Fontneau will be honored at. Commission is very proud of the Chief for his accomplishments.

Commissioner Palmer spoke about the horse abuse case that we had in Stamford and what was the update on it.

Commissioner Thomas made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Palmer seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 5:38pm

Submitted,

Timothy Abbazia

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Chairman