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A regular meeting of the Stamford Police Commission was held on Monday, July 14 2014 at 5:00pm at Stamford Police Headquarters.

Present at the meeting were Commissioners Abbazia, Figueroa, Palmer, Thomas and Lyons. Chief Fontneau, Assistant Chiefs Matheny and Shaw were absent, Director Jankowski, Lt. Barcello, Sgt. Pinto.

Meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by Commissioner Abbazia.

#### Review of Minutes

Commissioner Thomas made a MOTION to accept the May 2014 minutes and seconded by Commissioner Figueroa.

Commissioner Abbazia made a MOTION to accept the June 2014 minutes and seconded by Commissioner Thomas.

Special Meeting minutes of June 5, 2014 were left out of package by mistake and will be accepted at next meeting.

#### Good Conduct by Officers:

Saturday night July 12, 2014 into Sunday, July 13, 2014 shooting downtown in Columbus Park 5 people were injured. Two officers who were ordered to stay for the oncoming shift parked their car and were walking in Columbus Park in the vicinity of BarQ behind Bobby Valentine's heard shots fired and ran around the corner to Columbus Park. They were able to ascertain in a very short time what happened and a description of the suspect which they put out to the officers coming into Columbus Park. We captured the suspect as he was running out onto Atlantic Street. Within a minute they had the suspect in custody and were able to get a confession from him at the scene.

#### Commissioners Award

None at this time

#### Comments from the Public

None

## Administration and Operating

Police Department spent \$31,000 on officers for Fireworks event. Spent \$5,000 with less people because of the rain date. We hired just shy of 90 police officers.

Our Traffic Squad worked a total of 20 days this past month and gave out 82 Speeding Violations, 48 Traffic Control Signal violations, 25 talking/texting while driving, 21 block the box violations, 18 misc. violations such as restricted turns, improper passing, etc., 2 overweight trucks, 11 unregistered motor vehicles and 10 operating without a license.

We had one fatal this past month of motorcycle vs pickup truck over on Harvard Ave.

The uniform division made 245 arrests including 1 fatal, 2,730 motor vehicle stops.

This month we did a lot of planning for Jazz in the Park and for Alive @ 5. We had the Fireworks. Seminar was held for Undoing Racism in Stamford which was attended by the Chief and much of the Youth Bureau Division.

Conditions at Police Headquarters are atrocious for the men and women working here. We found out that the first floor has asbestos in it which was disturbed when doing the HVAC so we no longer have air conditioning on the first floor and some of the zones on the second floor. A walk through of Headquarters will be given after meeting. Downtown is talking about different scenarios. One is to fix it while we are in the building, it could mean moving us out of this building into another location long term if not forever and building a new police station.

Homicide in the Southend and we arrested a suspect within a few days. Had very little cooperation from community.

Untimely Death 22 year old – Heroin overdose.  
Forcible fondling by Subway owner of a 16 year.  
Had a young man escape from prison and was apprehended.

Uptick of street robberies of Hispanic males.  
We had a wire fraud with over \$7,000 initiated out of Nigeria and made an arrest in that case.

Our Domestic Violence Unit handled 14 cases including 2 elderly abuse cases, 1 missing persons investigation. Arrested a young man who was physically abusing his new wife.

Our Juvenile Unit made 43 arrests, of that 26 new Sexual Assault investigations and 2 ongoing child pornography cases.

We went before the Board and received 2 grants. One for \$10,000 for our Young Leadership Program where we have 12 young girls from middle school that work with our female officers in a mentoring program.

The other grant was the Tobacco Education Grant that was for \$33,840. That is where we go into stores within City of Stamford with 16-17 year old kids to buy tobacco products.

This month we spent \$114,000 less than last year at this time. We have spent \$349,000 this year from last year from January to June. We are working very hard to keep overtime down.

## Personnel Issues

None

Old/New Business:

None

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 5:30pm, seconded by Commissioner Figueroa.

Submitted,

*Timothy Abbazia*

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Chairman