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**Police Commission Minutes
Regular Meeting
Monday, March 24, 2014
6:30P.M. – Town Hall
Meeting Room 2**



MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioner's Rob Parlee, Ed Fusco, Frank Jackter and Steve Caron

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jenny Langdon

OTHERS PRESENT: Sgt. Joe Mercer, Selectman Stan Soby, Art Shilosky, Officer C. Scheel and Officer J. Goss

1. Call to Order

Commissioner Parlee called the Monday, March 24, 2014 meeting to order at 6:42p.m.

2. Additions to Agenda

Commissioner Jackter **MOTIONED** to remove item #15 from the agenda and renumber accordingly. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Fusco. All members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Citizen's Comments

None

4. Officer's Comments

None

5. Review Correspondence

Commissioner Parlee stated he received a sexual harassment prevention training brochure if any of the commissioners were interested in attending.

6. Approve minutes: February 24, 2014 Regular Meeting

Commissioner Fusco **MOTIONED** to approve the February 24, 2014 Police Commission meeting minutes as written. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Jackter. Commissioner Jackter abstained. All other members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

7. Budget Review

Commissioner Parlee stated that the third shift overtime and additional officer have been cut from budget fiscal year 2014/2015. Commissioner Parlee also stated that the Commissioners will be attending the Board of Finance meeting on April 2, 2014 to present the department five year plan. Discussion was had.

8. **Appropriation and Transfer**
None
9. **Resident Trooper Report (Sgt. Mercer)**
Sgt. Mercer read the February monthly report (see attachment #1).
10. **Local Traffic Authority**
None
11. **Old Business**
 - a. **Discussion of DARE Vehicle**
Tabled to next meeting
 - b. **Discuss and Possible Action on Facebook Page Presentation**
Officer's Scheel and Goss presented the proposal for Rules & Regulations Social Media Policy. Commissioner Jackter **MOTIONED** to approve the Social Media Policy proposal to be included in the Rules & Regulations (see attachment #2). **SECONDED** by Commissioner Fusco. All members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
12. **New Business**
None
13. **Citizen's Comments**
None
14. **Chairman/Commission Member Comment**
Commissioner Fusco thanked Officer Scheel and Officer Goss for their work on the Face Book page, Sgt. Mercer for his work on the budget and Officer Kowalsky for attending the budget meetings.
15. **Adjourn**
Commissioner Jackter **MOTIONED** to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Fusco. All members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Attachment

Resident Trooper Report (attachment #1)

Proposal for Rules & Regulation Social Media Policy (attachment #2)

Respectfully Submitted,
Gina Santos, Clerk



State of Connecticut



Resident Trooper Supervisor
Sgt. Joe Mercer #176

Connecticut State Police Colchester Resident Troopers' Office

Colchester Police

TO: Colchester Police Commission
RE: Monthly Report for February 2014 (February, 2014 meeting)

- I. **Monthly activity: statistics – previously submitted**
 - a. All CPD personnel on full duty, no long term absences to report.
 - b. Budget for FY 2014-2015 in progress, 3rd shift and extra officer cut.
- II. **Equipment:**
 - a. Vehicles-
 - All vehicles in service.
 - New police vehicle delivered Monday, will be sent out for installs this week
 - c. Radio Replacement-
No change, radios to be replaced on two year plan (1/2 14-15, ½ 15/16)
- III. **Officer Training:**
 - a. All officers are current in their POST certifications and training.
 - b. No elective training in January.
- IV. **Initiatives:**
 - a. RX Drug drop box. – 425 lbs. of prescription drugs have been dropped off as of 2/14/14.
- V. **Notable Investigations:**
 - a. No notable investigations underway.

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Colchester Resident State Police Sergeant

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Proposal for Rules & Regulation Social Media Policy:

19.9

News Releases on Investigations and Arrests

The right of the public to know and the interest of the news media in that right must be respected by all personnel. Officers shall cooperate fully with the media, but shall use self-restraint when the right of the accused for a fair trial might be jeopardized. The names of witnesses or the identity of juveniles will not normally be released. All communication with the media shall be directed to the Supervisor and be accordance with the State Police A&O Manual, Section 19.1.15.

19.9.1

Use of Social Media for Dissemination of Information

All official news releases for investigations, accidents, and arrests will only be posted to Social Media after the official news release has been approved by the duty Sergeant in Nexgen. All other content posted to Social Media is subject to supervisory review and editing at any time. Content posted will be professional department information suitable for public viewing.

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