



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

**Police Commission Minutes
Regular Meeting
Monday, October 24, 2016
6:30P.M. – Town Hall
Room 2**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Rob Parlee, Ed Fusco, Steve Caron and Sue Debb

MEMBERS ABSENT: none

OTHERS PRESENT: Sgt. M Martinez, First Selectman A Shilosky, Board of Finance Liaison J McNair and A Migliaccio

1. Call to Order

Commissioner Parlee called the Monday, September 26, 2016 meeting to order at 6:30p.m.

2. Additions to Agenda - none

3. Citizen's Comments - none

4. Officer's Comments - none

5. Review Correspondence - none

6. Approve minutes: September 26, 2016 Police Commission Meeting

E Fusco moved to approve the September 26, 2016 Police Commission meeting minutes, seconded by S Caron. Unanimously approved, with one abstention by E Fusco. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Budget Review (Commissioner Fusco) - none

8. Appropriation and Transfer - none

9. Resident Trooper Report (Sgt. Martinez)

Sgt. Martinez read his report (attachment #1)

10. Local Traffic Authority

R Parlee stated a highway use permit was submitted for the 11/5, 9am-noon, Airline Trail Ghost Run, which includes the towns of Colchester, Hebron and East Hampton. The roads utilized will be Rte 85 and 149. R Parlee will forward the use permit to the Police Dept. to request an officer be posted for the crossing of Rte 85 and 149.

11. Old Business

a. Discussion and Possible Action on Charter

R Parlee stated that he has not received an update or feedback from the Charter Revision Commission. S Caron asked if the Police Commission is removed from the Charter, where does the Police Commission fall? A Shilosky stated that the Police Commission is still included in the town ordinance.

b. Discussion on Police Officer's Body Cameras

No updates from the state yet. J McNair stated that he heard it is an IT standpoint issue regarding the storage of video. He feels we would need to ramp

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up storage and develop a policy for retention. S Dubb reiterated the IT concerns. R Parlee stated that would have to take a step back and revisit when they get more information from the state. S Dubb discussed her findings on the grant opportunity for the equipment and one year for service contract if submitted within a certain time frame. S Caron suggested the town IT dept. do a ballpark figure of the lowest size needed.

c. Discussion on Town Website Police Department Page

S Caron stated that the mission statement has been updated on the webpage. S Caron stated that he drafted a letter of the history and structure of the police dept. He will send to the commission the final draft once complete. S Caron stated that the statement on the police page for hours of service is incorrect and needs to be updated. Sgt. Martinez will update.

d. Discussion on Narcan Overdose Drug

S Dubb researched the number of overdoses in the region and stated the numbers were staggering. Feels the NARCAN implementation is timely and needed. Sgt. Martinez completed the update of the plan that was drafted off of the state version. Next step is job description needs to be changed and then provide it to the union for approval, The step after that is it needs to go to the Board of Selectmen for approval.

e. Discussion Regarding Municipal Traffic Ordinances

S Dubb stated the group needs to flush out what they want, include a revenue stream projection, ordinance needs, and set up a hearings/appeals process and procedure. R Parlee will present the idea to the Board of Selectmen, then meet with the subcommittee and garnish opinions and current issues being faced. S Caron will review the current ordinance.

12. New Business

A Shilosky reported that the Police Dept. need for a shed has been fulfilled due to the Historic Society donating the previous 'School for Colored Children School House'.

13. Chairman/Commission Member Comments - none

14. Adjourn

S Caron moved to adjourn at 7:11 p.m., seconded by S Dubb. Unanimously approved.
MOTION CARRIED.

Attachment: Resident Trooper Report (attachment #1)

Respectfully Submitted,



Tricia Dean



State of Connecticut



Resident Trooper Supervisor
Sgt. Martin Martinez # 124

Connecticut State Police Colchester Resident Troopers' Office

Colchester Police

TO: Colchester Police Commission

RE: Monthly Report for September 2016 (Oct. 24, 2016 meeting)

- I. **Monthly activity: statistics – previously submitted**
 - a. All personnel are on full duty at this time.
 - b. The Midnight shift is manned by two of our junior Officers. The shift is stretching our other shifts thin and creating some overtime when earned days off, training and vacations days are used.
 - II. **Equipment:**
 - a. In car video/MDT- **Nothing has changed.**
The MVR cameras were checked on Nov. 04th by State Police personnel and Mario (IT Coordinator). Mario ordered the AP access point to place in the office, it has been delivered and it will be placed just outside of the office. This device will assist in the downloading of the MVR's. **Arrangements are being made to install the device.**
 - c. The State Police have not settled on a vendor to purchase body cameras.
- Officer Training:**
- a. All our Officers have been POSTC recertified.
- III. **Initiatives:**
 - a. RX Drug drop box. – over 1,184 lbs of prescription drugs have been dropped off to date.
 - b. Officers are conducting visibility/enforcement patrols at numerous locations within the town. The Speed Trailer has been deployed at numerous locations throughout the town and is currently on Norwich Avenue (School zone).
 - c. During the month of September, Officer Jonathan Goss has utilized “Josie” on motor vehicle searches approximately 5 times.
 - d. **Notable Investigations:**
None to report.

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