

The Town of Hamden Police Commission

Miller Library Complex Social Hall

Wednesday, June 9, 2010

7:30 P.M.

Agenda

Commissioners in attendance: Mr. Kerzner, Mr. Migliaro, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Iezzi

Commissioners absent: Ms. Curtis (excused)

Others in Attendance: Town Attorney Sue Gruen, Police Chief Thomas Wydra,
Deputy Chief John Cappiello, Acting Clerk Tobin

1. Call to order/Roll Call

Mr. Kerzner called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. Acting Clerk Tobin called the roll.

2. Approval of minutes of the meetings of May 11, 2010 and May 12, 2010

**Mr. Migliaro made a motion to accept the minutes of May 11, 2010 as submitted.
Mr. Higgins seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.**

**Mr. Higgins made a motion to accept the minutes of May 12, 2010 as submitted.
Mr. Migliaro seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.**

3. Department Report

a. Review of department activity

Chief Wydra's report is attached. He informed the Commission that many of the personnel transfers noted in his report were done to mitigate the cost of overtime in this difficult budget year.

Some of the incidents covered by the Department:

5/16 a suspicious package was investigated and was determined to be non explosive.

5/17 Officer Brown led an investigation which led to a hand gun being seized.

5/18 in collaboration with Superintendent Rabinowitz and her team, a bomb threat was investigated at Hamden High School. Detectives conducted an investigation that led to the arrest of two students. Chief Wydra reported outstanding collaboration between police detectives and superintendent's team.

5/26 a motorcycle accident resulted in a fatality - the 51 year old Hamden resident was pronounced dead at local hospital. The investigation is ongoing.

Click it or Ticket – funding was received from state for this program which takes place nationally in May and November to enforce seat belt use. This is a fully funded grant

program. There were approximately 277 infractions over a two week period, three days each week.

Tim Wydra was accepted to FBI School in Quantico. This is a feather in his cap and that of the Department. Chief Wydra said this is a great career opportunity, and he will do well.

b. Items of concern

c. Correspondence

Letters are included and are as follows: letter from Chief Wydra to Ray Quinn on his Policeman of the Year award; two letters from chief Wydra to New Haven Police Chief Frank Limon thanking the department for their assistance; letter to Chief Wydra from U. S. Department of Justice, FBI, inviting Lieutenant Tim Wydra to attend FBI National Academy; email to Officer McKeon from Pam Roach, Hamden's Recycling Coordinator for help at Earth Day; letter of thanks from Helyn Barbato for assistance at her husband Pasquale's funeral; letter from Chief Wydra to Mrs. Barbato extending sympathies; letter to Chief Wydra from George Miller of the CT Police Academy regarding officer Ronald Glifort, and Chief's response to Mr. Miller; letter to Chief Wydra from Chief Krasicky of Plymouth Police Department thanking Department for assistance, and response from Chief Wydra to Chief Krasicky; letter to Chief Wydra from the Ogren family commending Officer Hall who escorted Margaret Ogren's funeral procession, and response from Chief Wydra.

4. Public/Media Comments on Agenda Items

There were no comments on agenda items. Ms DeMatteo of the New Haven Register asked if the Commission received a letter from Donna Pecoraro regarding dogs on Hillfield Road. Mr. Kerzner replied that did receive a letter from Donna Pecoraro.

5. Executive Session(s) – (as needed)

6. Old Business

a. Equipment

There was discussion on the impact of the tight budget on police vehicles. Chief Wydra said Hamden will see the Department's new light tower at the fireworks. This equipment was purchased through a grant. He has spoken to Arts Coordinator Coleman regarding a field visit before the fireworks to choose the best location for placement. It has a diesel generator.

b. Budget Review

Chief Wydra and Deputy Chief Cappiello monitor the Department's budget every day. They are making every effort to get to the end of this fiscal year without going to E & C, but they might have to for overtime costs. They have had a good three weeks partly due to assignment changes.

7. New Business

8. Open Discussion – Commissioners/Department Head

Mr. Kerzner noticed the reassignment of some officers, and asked if there is any possibility some of them might go back to their respective departments. Chief Wydra said some were told they would be transferred back on 7/1/10.

Mr. Iezzi reported the new hires did a great job at Tip a Cop. Chief Wydra said they raised over \$2,000. Detective Marks does a great job managing this event and the Torch Run, and he will commend him in a letter.

Mr. Iezzi mentioned former police commissioner Joe Brandi is in critical condition in the hospital after suffering an aortic aneurysm rupture. He was involved in Hamden government for 55 years. Commissioners all wished Mr. Brandi well.

9. Adjournment

Mr. Iezzi made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Higgins seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Gerry Tobin, Acting Clerk