

***Town of Hamden Police Commission***  
***Minutes of the Meeting***  
***January 14, 2015***

**Attending:** Raeann Curtis, Michael Iezzi, Robert LaTorraca, Betty Murray, Police Chief Wydra, Deputy Chief Cappiello

**Absent:** Mitchell Strickland, Town Attorney Gruen,

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Iezzi called the meeting to order at 6:40 P.M.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Chairman Iezzi entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 10, 2014. Mr. LaTorraca motioned to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 10, 2014, seconded by Ms. Curtis. *The motion carried unanimously.*

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

***Danielle Moody, 167 W. Helen St.*** – Ms. Moody is following up from the December 2014 meeting in that Chief Wydra was going to do monitoring and speed monitoring. Ms. Moody asked if the portable yellow “Pedestrian” crossing signs can be placed in the crosswalks at West Helen St. and Pine Rock Ave.

Chief Wydra thanked Ms. Moody for her work and continued concerns and bringing them to the Commission. The department will continue to collect data. The signs Ms. Moody is asking for are not normally used in the winter months but will be placed at the crosswalks starting in the spring. The Chief feels they do make an impact.

Ms. Moody asked about the data being collected and how she can obtain a copy of said data. Chief Wydra will provide the information by email when it is ready.

Ms. Moody also asked about the “Block Watch” signs and Chief Wydra stated he will follow up on them as he wasn’t sure how many were in stock at this time. He would let Ms. Moody know.

**MONTHLY REPORT**

- a. Review of department activity – Chief Wydra was saddened by the loss of K-9 Titan. He stated that Titan was a star in the field.  
The Explorer Program met on Monday with a review of juvenile laws and training the young on what police do. There are 20 in the program at this time and are hoping for 25 in the next group.  
He reviewed the monthly report noting that Captain Smith and Sgt. Zuscin are working on a Citizens Academy. Hamden had one at one time and the Chief would like to re-establish it now with training classes. There will be advertising for an early March start date hoping for 25 for the spring and 25 for the fall. The Chief feels that trust is important between the Police and residents.

The Mt. Carmel Sub-Station of course will be back for the spring and the Dixwell Ave. Sub-Station will be up and running by February 1<sup>st</sup>. The Public Works Dept. is working very hard to complete the renovations on the space. Sgt. Anthony Diaz has been named Office of the Year by the Hamden Elks and the ceremony will be held on January 24, 2015.

The five officers who were shadowing are now on their own and doing well. The Legislative Council has approved funding for five new vehicles and the Body Camera's.

The Chief has requested funding for the Citizens Academy and the Explorer Program along with two individuals for the replacement of the IT Records person.

There will be some reduction in the fuel cost due to more efficient vehicles and hopefully the continuing of lower gas prices.

Ms. Murray inquired about the Citizens Academy and if classes will be held in the Dixwell Ave. Sub-Station. Chief Wydra will review this and felt it was an excellent idea. He will review the space and see if it can be utilized for the program.

Ms. Murray inquired about the Explorer Program and wanted to know what the demographics were and again can the Dixwell Ave. Sub-Station be used. Chief Wydra advised her that the program was announced at the Middle School and the High School to students 14 and older in order to reach a large demographic. Ms. Murray also inquired about the geographic and Chief Wydra noted he would be happy to get the address of those in the program and send them on to her as he didn't have that information on hand.

- b. Correspondence – A few thank you letters were in the packet from residents.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Budget Review – Chief Wydra advised the Commission that he would be giving them the Budget here at the meeting. He asked that they take it home and review it and please call him with any questions and/or suggestions they may have.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None at this time!

### **REVIEW OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES** – (Executive Session if needed)

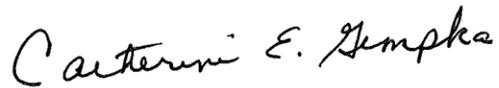
At the December 2014 meeting Chief Wydra presented the Commission with Policies and Procedures for review and decisions. Two of the items had language the Chief realized needed changing “Use of Force” and “Reporting and Investigating Force” and that the change does not affect the procedure. He will send the items to the members by email for their review.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:10 p.m. Ms. Murray motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. LaTorraca. *The motion carried unanimously.*

*The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the Legislative Council Chamber Memorial Town Hall, 2372 Whitney Ave., Hamden CT.*

Recorded by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Catherine E. Gempka".

Catherine E. Gempka  
Commission Clerk