

**NORTH BRANFORD BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**  
**Regular Meeting of September 13, 2004**

**Monday, September 13, 2004**  
**5:00 p.m.**

**North Branford Police Headquarters**  
**Meeting/Training Room**

Chairman Troiano called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

**1. ROLL CALL**

Chairman G. Dan Troiano  
Vice Chairman Vincent Casanova - Absent  
Commissioner Timothy Ryan  
Commissioner Paul Proto  
Commissioner Daniel Munro  
Police Chief Matthew Canelli  
Deputy Police Chief Michael Doody  
Liason to the Town Council John Lappie

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 14, 2004**

VOTE #1: Commissioner Ryan moved, seconded by Commissioner Munro to approve the minutes of June 14, 2004. The motion was carried unanimously.

**3. REPORTS**

- a. Chairman – none
- b. Clerk  
Commissioner Proto distributed the different police call charts.
- c. Chief

Chief Canelli presented the following reports for June, July and August 2004: Incident Activity Report, Detective/Youth Bureau Activity and the Vehicle Maintenance Report.

Chief Canelli presented the following certificate:

1. A certificate of appreciation from MADD for the following Officers: Robert Brockett, David Sheehan, Cort Sperry, Michael Breen and Detective Ronald Onofrio.
2. A certificate of Emergency Medical Dispatch to Officer Robert Brockett, Dispatcher Mary Marquis and Officer David Sheehan.

Chief Canelli presented the following thank notes:

1. A letter from Mickie and Steve Fraser thanking Officer Deko for his kindness and concern for there safety in there unfortunate situation.
2. A letter from William Hoover of the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives thanking Sergeant Kenneth McNamara for his professionalism and tenacity in contributing to the identification and apprehension of four thieves.
3. A letter from Denise Prather, Finance Chairperson of North Branford's Relay for Life, thanking the entire department for the police escorts provided in depositing the money raised.
4. A letter from Kathleen Delfino of the North Branford Women's Club thanking the department in letting them sell raffle tickets at the Memorial Day parade.
5. A letter from David Whalen thanking Officer Sperry for saving his life.
6. A letter from Sharon Kohany thanking the department for helping her with her car accident.

VOTE #2: Commissioner Proto moved, seconded by Commissioner Ryan to accept the reports. The motion was carried unanimously.

#### **4. OLD BUSINESS - None**

Commissioner Ryan asked was that status of the turn signal on Route 80 and Totoket Road is. Deputy Chief Doody stated that we have sent two letters to the State; we can send another letter requesting the turn signal.

VOTE #3: Commissioner Ryan moved, seconded by Commissioner Munro to send a third request to the state with copies sent to Bill Aniskovich and Bob Ward. The motion was carried unanimously.

Commissioner Munro asked about the status of the turn signal on Route 80 and Route 22. Deputy Chief Doody stated that we will send another letter regarding that signal also.

VOTE #4: Commissioner Ryan moved, seconded by Commissioner Munro to send another request to the state with copies sent to Bill Aniskovich and Bob Ward. The motion was carried unanimously/

Chairman Troiano asked why there is a not right hand turn sign when you come out of the Town Hall. Chief Canelli stated that he does not know who authorized that sign. He will put a call into the Town Manager to see if he did. Much discussion took place as to if the sign needs to be there.

VOTE #5: Commissioner Munro moved, seconded by Commissioner Ryan to take the sign down if in fact the sign was authorized by the Town. The motion was carried unanimously.

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Police Officer Award – Officer of the Month

Chief Canelli reviewed the policy of Officer of the Month. Much discussion took place.

VOTE #6: Commissioner Proto moved, seconded by Commissioner Munro to go forward with the Police Officer of the Month award, but to add to the policy that the day off must be used within thirty (30) days of receiving the award and that the Commissioner can review the award within one (1) year. The motion was carried unanimously with Commissioner Ryan abstaining.

### B. Pursuit Policy

Chief Canelli stated that the Commission never officially voted on the Pursuit Policy.

VOTE #7: Commissioner Proto moved, seconded by Commission Munro to adopt the North Branford State of Connecticut Statewide Pursuit Policy. The motion was carried unanimously.

### C. D.A.R.E Program – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Ron Onofrio discussed the amount of hours that he puts into the fifth and seventh grade DARE Program, which does not leave much time for investigations. He stated that in seventh grade the kids just are not getting it. The kids are there physically but not mentally. The greatest impact is in the fifth grade.

The Commission decided that the benefit would be with the fifth graders and in return will open Onofrio up for investigations.

**6. TRAFFIC AUTHORITY:**

**7. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None**

**8. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS: None**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

VOTE #8: Commissioner Ryan moved, seconded by Commissioner Proto to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 p.m. The motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted;

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Paul Proto, Clerk  
Board of Police Commissioners