

NORTH BRANFORD BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting of September 12, 2011

Monday, September 12, 2011
5:00 p.m.

North Branford Police Headquarters
Meeting/Training Room

Chairman Troiano called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Chairman Dan Troiano
Vice Chairman David Palumbo
Commissioner John Landolfi
Commissioner Christopher Cozzi
Commissioner John Pollock – present at 5:24 p.m.
Police Chief Matthew Canelli
Lieutenant David D'Ancicco

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 13, 2011, June 28, 2011, July 13, 2011

Vice Chairman Palumbo moved, seconded by Commissioner Landolfi to approve the minutes of June 13, 28 and July 13, 2011. The motion was carried unanimously.

3. REPORTS

Chairman - None

Clerk - None

Chief

Chief Canelli stated that he had five comp days to use by 5/31/2011 and was only able to use .5 of them. He would like to carryover 4.5 days through May 31, 2012. He also stated that he never got his 5 comp days that he normally gets in December. He would request that 9.5 days be carried over until May 31, 2012.

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Vice Chairman Palumbo moved, seconded by Commissioner Landolfi to extend 9.5 comp days through May 31, 2012. The motion was carried unanimously.

Chief Canelli presented the following reports for August 2011: Incident Activity Report, Detective/Youth Bureau Activity and the Vehicle Maintenance Report.

Chief Canelli presented the following thank yous:

- 1) A Thank you to all personnel during Hurricane Irene from Chief Canelli.
- 2) A thank you for Officer Nucolo from Vanessa Acampora.

Chief Canelli presented the following certificates:

- 1) A certificate of completion to Ron Ferucci for completing the Breath Analysis requirement.
- 2) A certificate of completion to Anthony Deluise for completing the Breath Analysis requirement.

Chief Canelli stated that the drug arrests have been sky high which included an arrest with a seizure of \$7,800.

Chief Canelli stated that the Union started negotiations a couple of months ago. The Town Manager advised that I am not allowed to be part of the meetings. If anyone has any issues, he would suggest to the commission that they reduce it to writing.

Chief Canelli stated that the morale has taken a 180 degree turn. The men are doing a great job. They worked hard during the hurricane without complaint. There was great cooperation with the Fire Department, Public Works and the Town Manager's Office.

Chief Canelli stated that he is concerned with the news papers and the reporting of North Branford news. He feels that the only thing that makes the news for the New Haven Register is negative news.

Lt. D'Ancicco distributed copies of news/press releases that he sends out to area press. He stated that he is very disappointed in the New Haven Register reporter stating that she is very disrupting when it is negative news. He said that when she contacts me and I tell her I do not have any information regarding her question or that I have no further comment she continually calls me back on both my office and cell phones with the same question, which is very disrupting to his duties. There needs to be a balance between good and bad news. Goring forward he is just going to give the New Haven Register the press releases and not answer any questions.

Commissioner Cozzi stated that we should follow-up with the editor stating how disappointed we are in the articles. It was decided that the Chief will draft a letter and will distribute to the Commission prior to sending it.

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Commissioner Landolfi moved, seconded by Vice Chairman Palumbo to have the Chief draft a letter to the New Haven Register editor. The motion was carried unanimously.

4. OLD BUSINESS - None

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. K-9 Presentation

Officer Piroli brought Chase in and gave a brief presentation with him. He went on to say that he is now patrol trained and will soon be trained on the drugs.

b. Personnel Update

Chief Canelli stated that on September 16, 2011 Detective McNamara will retire. He is currently on personnel days. We need to get on the Town Council Agenda to be able to replace him.

c. Automobile Fleet Update

Chief Canelli stated that the mileage was in the packet. We have car 4 down with a transmission problem. It will cost between \$2,700 - \$2,900 on a vehicle that has 104,000 miles. We were told there is no money for cars right now so I need to know what you want me to do.

Liaison to the Town Council, Rose Angeloni stated that we are in litigation with the Water Company and until that is resolved; we do not know when we can get the cars.

Commissioner Landolfi moved, seconded by Vice Chairman Palumbo to approve fixing the transmission. The motion was carried unanimously.

d. Hurricane Storm Update

Chief Canelli stated that we discussed this during the Chief's report.

6. TRAFFIC AUTHORITY

a. Traffic Survey - Summit Drive

Lt. D' Ancicco reviewed his traffic Survey with the Commission.

7. CORRESPONDENCE – None

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9. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

Anthony Deluise, President of the Police Union stated that he is very disheartened that the cars were looked over so briefly. In looking at the Town Council meeting and the other equipment that was purchased. This is the safety of the men. To have front line police vehicles with this type of mileage is not good. Another 4-6 months with these cars is unacceptable. Office Deluise also stated that the Contract Union was chosen in February and it was the Town Manger that let it slide.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Landolfi moved, seconded by Vice Chairman Palumbo to move into Executive Session at 6:15 to include all Commission Members, the Chief and the Lieutenant. The motion was carried unanimously.

Commissioner Cozzi moved, seconded by Vice Chairman Palumbo to move out of Executive Session at 7:03. The motion was carried unanimously.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman Palumbo moved, seconded by Commissioner Cozzi to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 p.m. The motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted;

John Landolfi, Clerk
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