

**MADISON DEPARTMENT OF POLICE SERVICES
REGULAR MEETING – February 11, 2016
COMMUNITY / TRAINING ROOM – 4:45 PM**

Attendees: Chairman Eric Thornburg; Commissioner Marietta Lee; Commissioner Thom Cartledge; Commissioner Kathi Traugh

Also Present: Chief Jack Drumm; Board of Selectmen Liaison Al Goldberg; Sgt. Joe Race; Board of Selectman Robert Hale; Former First Selectman Fillmore McPherson

Absent: Vice Chairman Ed Dowling (out of state); Town Engineer Mike Ott; Board of Finance Liaison Joe MacDougald, Board of Finance Liaison

CALL TO ORDER

Opening and Call to Order at 4:45 PM by Chairman Thornburg followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Thornburg welcomed and introduced new commissioner Kathi Traugh, effective with the January retirement of Garry Gyenizs. Mr. Gyenizs will be thanked for his service next month.

Kathi Traugh briefly spoke saying she has been a Madison resident for 18 years; has served on several boards and commissions, the Senior Commission and the Board of Selectmen. She is looking forward to contributing to Madison's wonderful police department.

REGULAR SESSION

MINUTES

MOTION by Cartledge, second by Lee to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 7, 2016, the Special Meeting of January 7, 2016 and the Special Meeting of January 27, 2016. All in favor. None opposed. So moved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

CHIEF'S REPORT

- Budget / Financial Report:
Chief Drumm reported our finances are where they should be; there are some labor overages due to construction billing and OT replacement. There is a line item transfer scheduled for the next Board of Finance meeting. We have received a CIRMA payment for wages for Zeidenberg (\$11,000); will move \$14,000 over to the part time line as well as a line item transfer of \$40,000 from the holiday line. Most officers opt to take comp time in lieu of pay which is available for some holidays. The vehicle line (cars, will be short) had expenses of \$35,000. Chief said he will be asking for a line item transfer in the amount of \$10,000. The budget process is moving along.
- Activities / Statistics– No Report
- On 2/8/16, Dispatch received a call of a tour bus on its side NE of exit 61. First responders Sgt. Roy and Officer Rosati immediately went to the scene. Twenty-three of the occupants sustained injuries. Dispatch did an incredible job using all their resources. There were very prompt responses as far as Lyme, Branford and Valley Shore. The Middlesex Hospital facility in Westbrook sent 13 trauma team units; ambulances transferred those severely injured to Yale. American Red Cross was on scene; Magda Grayson of Durham Bus coordinated the transfer of the bus occupants to the Town Gym, First Selectman Banisch brought coffee and sandwiches to those waiting at the gym. Dispatch handled numerous calls and although overwhelmed, remained very professional.

Hats off to Sgt. Bill Roy who facilitated all requests. There could have been a lot more injuries; the guard rail went right into the bus – some of the occupants had punctured lungs. All of Madison's town services did an outstanding job. Chairman Thornburg asked if the state has jurisdiction over an accident on I-95. Chief Drumm said that is correct. We are the First Responders for the Town of Madison.

These actions are worthy of a Unit Citation for all Madison Police Department and Dispatch parties involved. Mr. Goldberg commented it was quite taxing on Dispatch, to which the Chief agreed. Sgt. Roy stayed on site; Chief Drumm stayed in Dispatch with a headset. Our officers on scene gave 120%; they were out in front of all requests. They went beyond what I could expect – very professional. Chairman Thornburg extended his congratulations to all the first responders and to Tom Banisch and his team.

- Training:
Sgt. Race highlighted the training for the month of January which included: Firearms; K-9; Roll Call Training on Communications Risk Training; monthly K-9, ERT and COLLECT Recertification.
- CALEA and CALEA Communications
Sgt. Race reported he has been in contact with CALEA. The on-site dates are 12/11-14/16. Madison is the first in the northeast to merge both police and communications in what is being called the Crosswalk Program. State coalition members are excited for us – no one else has tried this. The Dispatch Mock Assessment will probably be in September at the MPD. We will need more assessors this time to review the extra 113 standards.

MOTION by Lee, second by Cartledge to adjourn to the Promotion Ceremony at 5:00 PM. All in favor. None opposed. So moved.

Chairman Thornburg welcomed members of the Department, town, and friends and family of the newly hired officers who were individually introduced, as well as the three officers being promoted.

The newer officers who have been with the Department for several months are: Christopher Dube, Ernesto Gonzalez, Natasha Pucillo, Robert Strickland, Justin Graziano, Robert Lazaroff and Cara Hurrin. Two of the officers were graduates of the police academy and the balance were lateral transfers from other municipal agencies.

Following the introductions and brief biographies of the new officers, the ceremony highlighted the careers and promotions of: Sgt. Joseph Race to the rank of Captain; Sgt. Richard Perron to the rank of Lieutenant and Officer Jeremy Yorke to the rank of Sergeant.

The ceremony and reception ended at 6:00 PM.

Minutes accepted: March 10, 2016