

**MADISON DEPARTMENT OF POLICE SERVICES
REGULAR MEETING – March 10, 2016
COMMUNITY / TRAINING ROOM – 5:30 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; Capt. Joe Race; Town Engineer
Mike Ott

Absent: Vice Chairman Ed Dowling (out of state); Board of Finance Liaison Joe MacDougald

CALL TO ORDER

Opening and Call to Order at 5:30 PM by Chairman Thornburg followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

REGULAR SESSION

MINUTES

MOTION by Cartledge, second by Traugh to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 11, 2016.
All in favor. None opposed. So moved.

RECOGNITION AWARD - Former Commissioner Garry Gyenizs was recognized and thanked for his service to the community; at the time he resigned he was the senior commissioner. Chairman Thornburg invited fellow commissioners to share personal reflections on working with Garry:

- Commissioner Cartledge: A brief comment doesn't encompass everything about Garry; we worked together for 10 years under 3 different chiefs in a completely different department. He has considerable expertise on union matters which was a very valuable asset.
- Commissioner Traugh: Realizes she has some big shoes to fill. She was on the Board of Selectmen that appointed him and knew what an asset his background would be to the Police Commission.
- Commissioner Lee: Garry was always very helpful in walking her through the meetings; it was a pleasure to sit next to him. He was here during the dark years and stuck it out. He spent a lot of time, angst and energy and is leaving on such a positive note. The Department being in such great shape is a testament to his good will and community service. Congratulations.
- Chief Drumm: Garry brought wisdom and integrity to every meeting. He relied on Garry with labor questions; always spot on with union issues. He thanked Garry for understanding him in the initial interview for his position as chief. He appreciates Garry for his service and wished him good luck.
- Selectman Goldberg: When Garry arrived on the scene controversy, dysfunction and chaos were rampant; what he brought was quiet calmness and thoughtfulness. The outcome is a police department of which the community is very proud; Garry played a valuable role in that. On behalf of Board of Selectmen and the entire community he thanked him for his service.
- Chairman Thornburg appreciated not only Garry's labor insight, but also how to build a culture on integrity. He valued his counsel throughout and thanked Kelly (Mrs. Gyenizs) for her service to the community as he spent so many hours with the Board of Police Commission. He then presented Mr. Gyenizs with a plaque in honor of his service to the Commission, the Madison Police Department and the Town of Madison.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

CHIEF'S REPORT

- Budget / Financial: The budget should be ok through the end June; 3 line item transfers will be made after the budget meetings. The Durango, which has high mileage, needed repairs; the Special Duty OT line for construction projects is over by \$33,153 but that will wash based on outside reimbursements.

OT special duty line received \$11,000 from CIRMA; have \$14,000 in transfer funds in the holiday line and part-time line. Chairman Thornburg noted it sounds like we're in good shape; move some money around to balance.

- **Activity / Statistics:** 105 Alarms, 60 of which were Burglary; 26 were 911 calls; 28 Suspicious Vehicles; 9 Suspicious Persons; 91 Criminal Investigations with 23 In-custody Arrests; 12 Involuntary Commitments; K-9 Assists; 17 Animal Nuisance complaints; 1 Animal Bite; 0 Juvenile Missing; 0 Juvenile Alcohol; 0 Juvenile Narcotics-related; 1 Juvenile Complaints; 34 Fingerprint requests; 83 R-1 First Responder calls (first on scene)

Chairman Thornburg asked about burglaries. Chief said we just had a series of 5 burglaries, usually occurring in the afternoon; we have gotten a good fingerprint and DNA. There have been K-9 assists to multiple towns. We had one call out for a lost person with a search by Paco; he's an excellent dog. If and when there is a second K-9 the Chief hopes for the same temperament. Gwen works hard; did a narcotic find on a vehicle. At some point she will retire.

Commissioner Lee asked about the R-1 figures from last year vs. this year's stats. The Chief said it was due to all the snow storms we had last winter with snow, ice, people falling, unable to get to the doctor, pharmacy, etc.

If you see something suspicious, call the Police Department; that's how we catch criminals.

- **Training / February:** Capt. Race reviewed the training report for February: SWAT and K9 teams did their 2x month training. Most of February's training was for Officer Hurrin related to her legal updates. Officers Strickland and Twohill also received training. The plan is to get as many department officers trained to be instructors; Officers Pucillo and Martin are now both certified. Chairman Thornburg asked if there are gaps with an officer trained in another state. Capt. Race said the required training will be specific coding of CT law; constitutional concepts are the same with a modified field training program to finish by mid-April. Other training included firearms and recertification training.
- **CALEA Certification** is working through CALEA requirements. Policy changes are mainly administration oversight. Capt. Race has been listening to dispatch calls for quality assurance; he has developed a greater appreciation of their daily operations on the front line.

Capt. Race continued, Madison will be first in NE to try the Crosswalk Program of dual police and dispatch center accreditation. There will be an onsite from 12/11-14/16 for law enforcement reaccreditation and dispatch accreditation; following that is the 2017 CALEA conference in Alabama. The police department's reaccreditation will be this December. For communications it will only cover the January policy adoption date. Chief Drumm noted the recertification was extended from 3 years to 4 starting in 2017.

Chairman Thornburg concluded that Madison is one of less than 20 departments in the state to be accredited by CALEA (Commission on Accreditation of Law enforcement Agencies); the Board of Selectmen is very supportive of this recognition. When asked by Commissioner Cartledge where the Crosswalk Program would position Madison within CT, Capt. Race said we would be first. Only other organizations with that dual accreditation are large – LA County Sheriff, St. Louis County Sheriff, etc. It is extremely rare for an agency our size to have dual accreditation. Chief Drumm added, the other town services to include the fire departments and ambulance are cooperating and contributing to the process. Commissioner Traugh asked if there are synergies. Capt. Race said there are 100 duplicate policies with nuances on the communications side.

TRAFFIC UPDATES: Town Engineer Mike Ott

Mr. Ott reported the center project will be re-started on Monday (3/14). Green Hill from Rte. 79 to the Killingworth line will be resurfaced, weather dependent for spring paving. There will be construction notices posted on the town website. He met with John King of the CT Water Co. regarding the water main on Circle Beach Road.

Commissioner Cartledge followed up with 'What's Cooking' owner's concern about the 'No Parking' signs recently installed. She felt she was being targeted since hers was the only location with such a sign. Commissioner

Cartledge thinks there could be a sign further down the road. Mr. Ott said John Iennaco of his department made the assessment; he picked the length of the road he thought made sense and set the spacing per standards. Mr. Ott will follow up and added, he thinks 1 sign was knocked down. The owner is a lot more comfortable now with the intent to add more signs.

A caller from Jonathan's Landing thinks we should post the south side of the road as well as the north side. Mr. Ott will call her to discuss. The town crew is keeping up with necessary pothole patching.

Chief Drumm anticipates a study by the state to investigate a ramp request on the south side of 95; there are sight line issues.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Current Issues:** The Chief provided a copy of the Annual Report. We applied for 2 seats in the *Southern Police Institute Command Officers Development Course* and received a grant for half the tuition for Capt. Race and Lt. Perron; they will each attend two-week sessions for 5 months. This training rivals that of the FBI Academy.
- Consolidation of police public safety answer points (PSAPs) came up again under the State's Bill #5544. The Chief agreed to file with OPM (Office of Policy Management) to consolidate dispatch centers. The State will offer incentives to communities with 40,000 people / 12,000 CFS (Calls for Service). He spoke with the Chair of the Clinton Police Commission and will speak with new Clinton chief about the consolidation of services. Commissioner Traugh asked the Chief if he will testify; he's done that before. Chairman Thornburg said the Board would like to be able to regionalize; we raised our bar and perhaps that positions us to take advantage of this opportunity. Chief Drumm concluded, we have mutual aid agreements with Clinton for shared communication infrastructures –it makes sense. Clinton has named its new chief, Vincent DeMaio of New Canaan; he has 28 years of policing experience.

NEW BUSINESS: DONATIONS

Christie Hodge presented the Board with donations totaling \$145. The donation from Mrs. Jaffee was in appreciation for attention given her mother and her mother's caregiver during the night when they became frightened; the donation from Mrs. DeCarli was the first donation to a monthly beneficiary from the sale of exhibited art at the Eclectic Café. Mr. and Mrs. Schmaltz were purchasers of the Café's artwork, the sale of which benefited the Madison Police Department.

- Donation: Nancy Wayne Jaffe
- Donation: Dawn DeCarli / Eclectic Café
- Donation: James and Dana Schmaltz

MOTION by Traugh, second by Cartledge to accept the generous donations as presented and channel the funds to the K-9 program. All in favor. None opposed. So moved.

OLD BUSINESS

- Update: Communications 911 Center

The \$1.8MM radio infrastructure request passed Capital Improvements in the budget. It will go to town referendum. Mr. Goldberg said they need to be cautious since the budget is not yet approved.

Dispatch Center: It was discussed with the fire chiefs and ambulance director, as well as the Board of Finance to move forward with a 911 midnight dispatcher. Contractually, the union schedule will be modified to allow 2 dispatcher to work midnights.

Chairman Thornburg added, emergency communications is overseen by the Board of Selectmen and reports to the Chief. Chief Drumm said they are all working well together and there is an excellent rapport between the fire chiefs and emergency services.

The final comment on the budget by the Chief is that the increase is contractual for labor.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Traugh: None

Commissioner Cartledge: None

Commissioner Lee: Tribute to Garry Gyenizs was wonderful – a great commissioner for 10 years. She noted how much the Department has changed for better during his terms.

CHAIRMAN COMMENTS: Chairman Thornburg seconded Commissioner Lee’s comments and recognized Garry’s significant commitment to the community. Good to see him retire on a high note.

MOTION by Traugh, second by Cartledge to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:22 PM. All in favor. None opposed. So moved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 6:25 PM

Present: Chairman Thornburg, Commissioners Cartledge, Lee; Traugh

Also Present: Chief Drumm; Mr. Goldberg

Discussed: Update on Alonso Settlement

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Return to Open Session at 6:45 PM

MOTION by Lee, second by Cartledge to adjourn at 6:46 PM. All in favor. None opposed. So moved.

Minutes accepted: April 14, 2016