

**MADISON DEPARTMENT OF POLICE SERVICES  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
5:30 PM  
COMMUNITY TRAINING ROOM-MADISON POLICE DEPARTMENT  
June 9, 2022  
SUBJECT TO APPROVAL**

Attendees: Chairman Ed Dowling; Vice-Chairman Marietta Lee; Commissioner Thom Cartledge; Commissioner Ann Rumberger.

Also Present: Chief Jack Drumm; Captain Douglas Harkins; Lieutenant Jeremy Yorke; Al Goldberg-Board of Selectmen liaison; Scott Cochrane, Director of Madison Youth and Family Services; Tiffany Purvis-Torello, Extern Social Worker.

Absent: Commissioner Judith Hession; Jean Fitzgerald-Board of Finance liaison.

**CALL TO ORDER - REGULAR SESSION**

**Chairman Dowling called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**ACCEPTANCE – MEETING MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Cartledge, second by Lee to approve the minutes of the May 12<sup>th</sup> Regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners. All in favor; none opposed. So moved.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**CHIEF'S REPORT**

Chairman Ed Dowling commented on school safety after the tragic events in Uvalde, Texas. This Commission in conjunction with the Police Department and the school system took a significant and extensive review of all of our school safety matters following Sandy Hook. That event triggered a complete reexamination of the relationship between the school system and the Madison Police Department. We have some satisfaction from some of the significant programs that were put in place, including the School Resource Officer program (SRO). Our goal is not to evaluate our reaction but to continue to evaluate our plan for prevention.

Chief commented on school safety after the tragic events in Uvalde, Texas. He reassured residents our priority in the community is to evaluate our plan for protection, not reaction. In addition to having two SRO's that cover the school campuses, we also have an initiative within the patrol function where we aggressively check not only the schools that are part of the town structure but also with the private schools and daycares on a regular basis. This a partnership not only with the Police and schools but with the parents and people within this town; we encourage people that if they see something that should be brought to the attention of the police to do so; you have to help us help you. Our goal is to keep the community safe.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Scott Cochrane, Director of Madison Youth and Family Services gave a Power Point presentation on the pilot social work outreach program. Our extern social worker Tiffany Purvis-Torello completed her Master in Social Work last week. The pilot program initiated out of the Police Accountability Act. Some of the considerations for this program are the unmet human service needs, support to the police officers, and service to the community. MYFS collaborating with the Police Department is a good example of how communities work very well when there is a large integration between systems. Creating a web of contact you have a much healthier system of communication, identifying issues when they arise and connecting people with the proper help within that system. Preliminary outcomes of what we learned include existing relationship between MYFS and MPD is strong and has the potential to grow further, police encounters are critical points for people in need, Police and public were very receptive to the social worker. Priorities to develop for an on-scene social worker include crisis de-escalation, field psychiatric assessments, and follow-up. Next step is to create a plan with options and recommendations for integrating social work.

**Budget/Financial Report:** Chief Drumm provided an update on the budget. Director of Finance, Stacy Nobitz is completing line item transfers to provide funding, particularly for Overtime Replacement to cover those officers that are out.

**Activity / Statistics:** Captain Harkins reported there were 7 arrests, 111 motor vehicle stops, and 1 auto theft. A key fob was left in an unlocked car at the Grove School. There were 5 unlocked cars that were rummaged through on May 26<sup>th</sup>. We had theft of an entire mailbox. One theft of jewelry by a cleaning employee. We had four shoplifting incidents; Roberts, Stop & Shop, and a small boutique downtown. We had 2 breach of peace, one domestic and one public intoxication.

**Training Report:** Lieutenant Yorke provided the training update. Department participated in a total of 202 training hours. Training consisted of each officer completing 2 hours of Cultural Awareness Training for a total of 60 hours, and 1 hour of MPD Motor Vehicle Pursuit Policy Department Annual Review for a total of 30 hours. Two officers completed 16 hours of Emergency Medical Responder training for a total of 32 hours. Officer Palmer, who is a hostage negotiator, attended 8 hours of Hostage Negotiator Team Training with the South-Central SWAT team. Three officers attended the two day monthly regional SWAT team training, totaling 48 hours; one officer attended two days of K-9 training and other attended one day for a total of 24 hours.

Each dispatcher completed 2 hours of Domestic Violence Intervention for Dispatchers for a total of 16 hours.

**Traffic Report:** Lieutenant Yorke provided the traffic report. There were 23 MVA with 3 involving injuries. The leading cause of accidents involved failure to drive in established lane and following too closely. 0 DWI and 0 fatal motor vehicle accidents. 6 private property motor vehicle accidents. There were 2 assists with CT State Police with fatal MVA on I-95 throughout Memorial Day weekend.

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR:** Captain Harkins: May 1<sup>st</sup> we had Touch-A-Truck which was a successful event. May 7<sup>th</sup>, we had Pedals for Pies; a cycling event that raises money for The Hole in the Wall Gang for seriously ill children. May 13<sup>th</sup> was Law Day at Polson Middle School. On May 21<sup>st</sup> we had the Bike Rodeo at the Senior Center; this event teaches bike safety to kids. Memorial Day parade was held May 30<sup>th</sup>. The Law Enforcement Torch Run was held on June 3<sup>rd</sup> to raise money for Special Olympics. Fourth of July fireworks are scheduled for July 3<sup>rd</sup> with July

8<sup>th</sup> as a rain date. The concert on the green is scheduled for July 2<sup>nd</sup> with July 4<sup>th</sup> set as a rain date and the parade will take place on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Regional Shared Services:** Captain Harkins reported on the regional traffic squad. We are starting a new initiative with our partners on the Shoreline. We plan to regionalize traffic enforcement throughout the summer. Once a week we will either host or go to other shoreline towns, Branford, North Branford, Guilford, East Haven, or North Haven, and conduct traffic enforcement as a group. This initiative starts on June 15<sup>th</sup> and is a trial run to see if it can be staffed appropriately.

**CHIEF'S CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

Chief Drumm thanked his team of Captain Harkins, Lt. Yorke, Lt. Perron, and Lt. Mulhern for their service while he has been out on surgical leave. He appreciates everything they have done in his absence. An example that shows how effective this team is occurred most recently. An individual who made threats against people in this school system and town three weeks ago was arrested attempting to cross the California/Mexico border by the Mexican Government and take over by the FBI today. This team in addition to the detectives worked tirelessly to obtain a federal warrant working with our partners in the FBI and State Department.

**Liaison with State Agencies:** Chief Drumm reported the session is out. We worked hard to move a couple of the agenda items to the State Senate. One was putting off the MSW's for now because it is an expense to towns and many have not even started to look at it. Another was taking more time to research some of the mandates. Next year should be a busy legislative period and we will have some mandates. For the MSW program will be seeking a part-time approach to start. The feedback was very positive, particularly from the police officers on how well it worked, and people's response to it whether they were victims or affected by it through a family crisis.

**Marijuana Legislation Advisory Committee:**

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:** Commissioner Cartledge stated the painting of white lines on Route 1 has been finished. This will open up the safety lane for pedestrians and cyclists. Now that the weather is nice, people will be exercising and walking along Middle Beach Road; please be mindful of road safety and common courtesy.

Commissioner Rumberger thanked the leadership team for pitching in while the Chief was out on surgical leave, and welcome back to the Chief.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN** to Executive Session by Lee second by Cartledge. All in favor; none opposed. So moved. Meeting adjourned by 6:25 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION adjourned at 6:49 p.m.**