

Board of Police Commissioners  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, July 15, 2009  
Police Headquarters

Present: Commission Members: Commission Chair Carlson, Commissioner Ametrano,  
Commissioner Cole, Commissioner Dostert  
Excused: Commissioner Trotta  
Departmental Members: Chief Terribile, Deputy Chief Hutchinson,  
Lucy Krauchick, Clerk of The Board, Officer Hill,  
Detective O'Connor, Officer Denison  
Public: Cathy Gardner, Buzz Gardner-Town Residents

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 PM.

**1. Approval of prior meeting minutes.**

1.1 Approval of Police Commission meeting minutes of Wednesday, June 17, 2009.

*Motion:* Motion made by Commissioner Dostert, seconded by Commissioner Cole, to approve the meeting minutes of Wednesday, June 17, 2009 as presented.

*Vote:* All In Favor: Commission Chair Carlson, Commissioner Cole, Commissioner Dostert.

*Abstained:* Commissioner Ametrano

*Opposed:* None

**2. Public Petition/Commentary.**

Mr. Gardner presented information referencing organized charity motorcycle rides and noise complaint. He stated that he read in a recent issue of The Guilford Courier that there had been a complaint set forth by a resident on Union Street complaining about a charity ride. The Board stated they had not seen the complaint in The Guilford Courier and would research the article.

Mr. Gardner handed out correspondence to The Board requesting The Guilford Police Department take control over the problem of excessively loud motorcycles on Route 1 and stated "loud motorcycles on Route 1 seriously degrade the quality of life in our neighborhood, particularly on weekends and holidays from mid-morning to late evening

when they are most prevalent.” The correspondence requests effective enforcement against illegally modified motorcycles in the area and was signed by nine East River Road residents.

Mr. Gardner presented a verbal report which stated he contacted the East Haven Police Department who confirmed that the department had applied for and received a state grant for the D.U.I. enforcement program and that this grant could be used to enforce noise issues.

The Deputy Chief replied that he was unaware that a police department was able to use a D.U.I. enforcement program grant to enforce motorcycle noise issues. Mr. Gardner said his conversation with The East Haven Police Department confirmed that when they stop for D.U.I. they can also enforce motorcycle violations.

Deputy Chief Hutchinson replied that The Guilford Police Department enforces D.U.I. violations without grant funding and The Department has not felt obligated to apply for state funding at this point. The Deputy Chief will research this further in regard to noise and D.U.I. grant funding.

### **3. Traffic.**

#### **3.1 Motorcycle Rides.**

Deputy Chief Hutchinson reviewed the letter from the department which responds to charity motorcycle rides and made the appropriate changes to the language per the advisement of The Board at last months regular meeting.

The Deputy Chief said he had a long conversation with one of the charity sponsors and explained that the rides would be monitored for motorcycle violations and if there are any violations they may not be approved the following year. He said the organizer of the charity ride was not happy with the explained procedure, but understood.

Discussion followed referencing motorcycle compliance and violations. Cathy Gardner presented a verbal report to The Board on the difficulty of living close to Route 1 and motorcycle charity ride noise.

Commission Chair Carlson stated riders participating in these charity rides, which are often led by The State Police, receive a packet with applicable laws prior to the ride.

Commissioner Cole asked Cathy and Buzz Gardner if the noise could possibly be trailer truck noise considering the location of their property between Route 1 and

the highway. Mr. Gardner replied that 99% of the loud noise is from the motorcycles and said it was his understanding that motorcycles are supposed to have mufflers. Cathy Gardner replied that they do live in an area where the sound of traffic is prevalent but they are accustomed to that noise and that is not the issue of the complaint. She stated the motorcycle noise is much louder and difficult.

Commission Chair Carlson stated the department will continue to patrol for motorcycle violations. The Chief agreed that patrol will continue to enforce the law by checking for violations, particularly on weekends if patrol is available. Commission Chair Carlson said The Board will revisit this issue in October, after all the scheduled charity rides.

Chief Terribile suggested The State may have to deal with the issues of motorcycle charity rides and the increase in organized rides. Commissioner Cole stated it is his opinion that there are too many rides.

#### 4. Committee Reports

##### 4.1 Facilities/Equipment

###### 4.1.1 Vehicle Grant

Deputy Chief Hutchinson reviewed the status of the grant with The Board which is moving along and nearly ready for The First Selectman's signature.

Discussion followed referencing hybrids. Commissioner Cole and The Chief studied hybrids previously. Therefore, with consideration of specific departmental requirements of a vehicle and the frequency and cost of battery replacements of hybrids, it was agreed by The Board that a hybrid is not a feasible purchase at this time.

##### 4.2 Personnel

###### 4.2.1 D.A.R.E.

The Chief reported on the D.A.R.E. program for the upcoming school year at Baldwin and changes that had been set forth. The Chief said it was decided Officer Maisano will be reassigned to the D.A.R.E. program until Officer Shove comes off her pregnancy leave, at which time she will take over the D.A.R.E. assignment. The Chief said he was able to work out the patrol schedule to accommodate the D.A.R.E. program and would contact Ann

Snurkowski, Principal of Baldwin school.

#### 4.2.2 Carry over time off report.

Chief Terribile reviewed the carry over time off report and reviewed it in detail with The Board. He reviewed how accruals transfer over from one fiscal year to the other. He stated it is a tedious process due contractual changes. He went over each line item with The Board which addressed all accruals.

#### 4.2.3 Sick time use.

The Chief reported that everything is in order with sick time for fiscal year end and reviewed officers and civilians who were awarded incentive time.

#### 4.2.4 M.A.D.D. Award-Sergeant Provencher and Officer Bernier.

Chief Terribile reported that Sergeant Provencher and Officer Bernier were recognized by M.A.D.D.

#### 4.2.5 Regional Police Testing.

Chief Terribile reviewed the process and procedures of South Central Criminal Justice Association testing procedures for new police candidates. The Chief said the department is currently registered for September testing and there are two other departments in the process, Cheshire and Orange Police Departments, and the cost will be divided equally between each department.

Commissioner Cole asked The Chief what the projected interview schedule time frame might be and The Chief answered he anticipates interviews will happen sometime the end of October.

#### 4.2.6 Grievance 2009-03

Detective O'Connor addressed The Board in reference to Grievance 2009-03 as spokesperson for The Union. Chief Terribile addressed The Board referring to Grievance 2005-07 and the language of the settlement. Officer Denison disagreed with Chief Terribile and stated any memo that he received from The Chief 's office he considers a direct order. The Chief stated an annual physical appointment is not an order and has never been and referred to the last paragraph of the correspondence. Officer Denison was paid time and a half for the physical appointment per contract agreement.

Lucy Krauchick, Clerk of the Board, stated she setup the physical appointment for Officer Denison. She said she canceled the appointment upon the instruction of Lieutenant Robinson due to Officer Denison's scheduled vacation. Lucy Krauchick did not reschedule the appointment because of the officer's personal and vacation time scheduled through June per the recommendation of The Lieutenant. She followed the instructions.

Discussion followed regarding the language of the correspondence pertaining to scheduled physical appointments.

*Motion: Motion made by Commissioner Ametrano, seconded by Commissioner Dostert, to deny Grievance 2009-03.*

*Vote: All in favor: Commission Chair Carlson, Commissioner Ametrano, Commissioner Cole, Commissioner Dostert*

*Abstained: None*

*Opposed: None*

#### 4.3 Communications

##### 4.3.1 Correspondence to Mr. Ellesio from Sergeant Norman.

Commissioner Ametrano read from correspondence sent from Sergeant Norman to Mr. Ellesio. Mr. Ellesio found a wallet with over \$1300 in cash and returned it to the Guilford Police Department. The wallet was returned to the owner. Sergeant Norman highly commended Mr. Ellesio.

##### 4.3.2 Correspondence from Mr. Blaha.

Commissioner Ametrano read from correspondence received from Mr. Blaha which asked that the Guilford Police Department enforce traffic laws on streets without sidewalks.

##### 4.3.3 Thank you Signal 4 Committee.

Commissioner Ametrano read from correspondence received

from Signal 4 Committee thanking Chief Terribile and The Town of Guilford for allowing them to participate in a recent charity motorcycle ride.

*Motion: Motion made by Commissioner Dostert, seconded by Commissioner Ametrano, to add Item 4.3.4 Correspondence from Michele Fitzgerald to The Chief to the Agenda.*

*Vote: All in favor: Commission Chair Carlson, Commissioner Ametrano, Commissioner Cole, Commissioner Dostert*  
*Abstained: None*  
*Opposed: None*

#### 4.3.4 Correspondence from Michele Fitzgerald to The Chief.

Commissioner Ametrano read from correspondence received from Michele Fitzgerald to The Chief commending the department for the handling of traffic and redirection of traffic on Vista Road during Soccerfest. She stated there was not one illegally parked vehicle.

#### 4.4 Budget/Finance

##### 4.4.1 Budget 2008/2009

Chief reviewed budget reports for Fiscal 2008/2009 with The Board and went over the special funds activity account by line item. The Chief stated, as projected, funds of approximately \$200,000 would go back to The Town from the department.

##### 4.4.2 Budget 2009/2010

No discussion.

###### 4.4.2.1 New England Chiefs Conference.

Chief Terribile spoke about the New England Chiefs Conference.

*Motion: Motion made by Commissioner Dostert, seconded by Commissioner Ametrano, to approve Chief Thomas A. Terribile's attendance at the New England Chiefs Conference for Annual Training September 13, 2009 through September 16, 2009.*

*Vote: All in favor: Commission Chair Carlson, Commissioner Ametrano, Commissioner Cole, Commissioner Dostert*  
*Abstained: None*  
*Opposed: None*

## **5. Monthly Reports.**

Chief Terribile reviewed the monthly reports and entertained any questions. There were none.

## **6. Old Business**

None.

## **7. New Business**

Commissioner Cole asked the Board if the Labor Contract had been approved. Commission Chair Carlson said it had not been approved and a scheduled negotiation meeting for next Wednesday, July 22, 2009 would be at Police Headquarters.

## **8. Police Personnel Comments**

None.

*Motion:*            *Motion made by Commissioner Dostert, seconded by Commissioner Cole, to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 PM.*

*Vote: All in favor:*    *Commission Chair Carlson, Commissioner Ametrano, Commissioner Cole, Commissioner Dostert*

*Abstained:*        *None*

*Opposed:*           *None*

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy Krauchick  
Clerk of The Board



