

**REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
MAY 10, 2011
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT**

PRESENT: Commissioners Richard Epstein, Chairman; Cathy Graves; Evelise Ribeiro; Sandra

Trevino; Richard Buckholtz; Theodore Brooks

Chief Frank Limon: Department of Police Services

Assistant Chief Thomas Hensgen: Department of Police Services

Captain Denise Blanchard: Department of Police Services

Michael Wolek: Corporation Counsel

OPEN SESSION

The meeting was called to order at 6:01, Richard Epstein, Chairman, presiding.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Discussion and approval of regular session minutes of March 8, 2011. Commissioner Buckholtz asked the typo in his last name be corrected. There was no "T" in his name.

Commisioner Graves moved approval of minutes of March 8, 2011.

Commisioner Buckholtz seconded.

Voting for: Commissioners Brooks, Trevino, and Ribeiro.

Motion passed (3-0-0)

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Frank Limon

Copies of Chief Limon's monthly report were distributed. The following matters were highlighted:

CRIME UPDATE

- Handouts were distributed. The audited UCR statistics for February, 2011 as well as projected UCR statistics for April, 2011 were discussed.

TRAINING

- Development of an Executive Management curriculum for all Assistant Chiefs is discussed.
- Assistant Chief Redding attended the PERF conference last week in Seattle. He reported on what is going on throughout the country. Most of the focus was on how police departments are handling policing in this economic downturn and layoffs throughout the nation.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- The last of four community meetings took place on May 5th at the Fair Haven Library. We plan to schedule a set of dialogues during the summer that will target the youth population. There will be more focus on problem-solving and identifying problems in their areas.
- Award ceremony will take place Thursday, May 11th at the Laurel View Country Club. The event was planned and organized by the Greater New Haven Exchange Club. There are four nominees:
 - - Captain Joann Peterson and Sergeant John Magoveny (retired) for using the Automatic Defibrillator to save a man's life in the department's lobby.
 - Detective Scott Branfuhr for his work on the Annie Le Yale homicide case.
 - Detective Kristine Cuddy for her work on apprehending the East Coast rapist.
- The 11th Citizens' Academy class has 24 students and is in the third of eight weeks of training scheduled. (Roster and schedule are attached.)
- The Training Unit conducted the Citizens' Academy for College Students in three sessions on April 12th, 19th, and 26th. The Clergy Ambassador Citizens' Academy for members of the Clergy attended a one-day, six-hour session.
- Commissioner Epstein inquires about what summer programs are being planned and how they are going to be implemented.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- It is well-known that Officer Rob Fumiatti's name will be memorialized at the Annual Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington, D. C. on Friday, May 13th. Chief Limon will be attending the candlelight ceremony.
- On May 18th, Officer Rob Fumiatti's name will also be memorialized at the Connecticut Law Enforcement Memorial in Meriden.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Chief Limon attended a State Law Enforcement Memorial dinner last week in Southington. There were about three hundred people there that attended from the state.
- You requested that the assistant chiefs be present at this meeting. Assistant Chief Vellecca who had an medical emergency at home and was unable to attend. Assistant Chief Adgar had a previously commitment she made months ago. Assistant Chief Redding also had a family matter he had to attend to tonight. So we have written reports from each of them. Assistant Chief Hensgen is here to report on his highlights from the Bureau of Administrative Services.

ASSISTANT CHIEF HENSGEN REPORT

HIGHLIGHTS

- In-car camera systems are discussed. Thirteen cars will be outfitted with similar systems during this month.
- New phone system installation should be completed by June of 2011. The features are discussed.

TRAINING

- Assistant Chief Hensgen will be in Hartford on May 11th and May 12th with members of Bridgeport working on a social networking type of application for policing which is going to be provided for free. Six detectives will be sent up along with Assistant Chief Hensgen to help. Training will be in the use of databases designed specifically for tracking homicides, shootings and robberies.

MEETINGS

- Assistant Chief Hensgen and Chief Limon attended several meetings, one of which involved the South Central Chiefs of Police in May. It is an opportunity to meet with other chiefs and supervisors from surrounding

jurisdictions as well as the state to discuss common concerns and exchange ideas on solutions.

ASSISTANT CHIEFS WRITTEN REPORTS

Chief Limon highlighted the written reports submitted by Assistant Chiefs Adgar, Redding and Vellecca. There was discussion regarding the implementation of the new Assistant Chiefs and how it is working out.

General orders are discussed. Captain Blanchard reports on progress. Chief Hensgen also responds. Discussion continues regarding policies that were previously approved.

RETIREMENTS

- Sergeant Louis Cavaliere, service-connected, 5/19/11.

RESIGNATIONS

- Records Clerk Terri Davis
- Records Clerk Sandra Turbert
- Records Clerk Chris Werner

OTHER BUSINESS

- Request for reimbursement by Officer Hector Santiago for damaged cell phone. Recommended by Chief Limon. Chief Limon approved it.

Commissioner Brooks moves request.

Commissioner Buckholtz seconds.

Voting for: Commissioners Graves, Trevino, Ribiero, Epstein

Motion passed (4-0-0)

- Annual agreement on hiring of Yale Police Officers.

Commissioner Brooks moves request.

Commissioner Graves seconds.

Voting for: Commissioners Trevino, Buckhholtz, Ribiero, Epstein

Motion passed (4-0-0)

- Recall of two laid-off officers.

**Louis Decresenzo
Casey O'Brien**

Commissioner Brooks moves motion.

Commissioner Ribiero seconds.

**Voting for: Commissioners Graves, Epstein, Buckholtz,
Trevino**

Motion passed (4-0-0)

- Discussion ensues regarding procedure for calling back laid-off officers.

Commissioner Buckholtz moves to go into Executive Session.

Commissioner Brooks seconds.

Voting for: Commissioners Graves, Epstein, Trevino, Ribiero.

Motion passed (4-0-0)

**Commissioner Brooks moves to amend agenda to include case
013-11I and 022-11I.**

Commissioner Buckholtz seconds.

Voting for: Commissioners Graves, Trevino, Ribiero, Epstein.

Motion passed (4-0-0)

- Alderman Al Paolillo addresses the commission.

EXECUTIVE SESSION BEGINS AT 6:35 P.M

**Commissioner Graves moves to adjourn the executive session
at 6:58 p.m.**

Commissioner Brooks seconds.

**Voting for: Commissioners Ribiero, Buckholtz, Trevino,
Epstein.**

Motion passed (4-0-0)

